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"VICTORY OF THE FIRST ORDER": BRITISH FORCES CUT PRINCIPAL ROAD OF RETREATING ITALIANS

Churchill Pays Tribute To Wavell: Remarkable Endurance Feat

"A VICTORY OF THE FIRST ORDER," was how Mr. Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, described the successful operations of British forces in the Western Desert against the Italians, when he addressed the House of Commons yesterday on the latest developments in North Africa, says a London message.

MR. CHURCHILL was speaking before the latest reports were received but he stated that pursuit of Italians was proceeding with vigour with the Royal Navy shelling them and the Royal Air Force bombing the retreating enemy.

THE PREMIER SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE BRITISH TROOPS HAD CUT THE ROAD TO BUGBUG, THE PRINCIPAL ROUTE BY WHICH THE ITALIANS WERE RETREATING.

The strong position of Sidi Barrani had appeared to be a strong obstacle to the British plan but Sidi Barrani was now captured and, Mr. Churchill added, that the best part of three Italian divisions had been taken prisoners.

Mr. Churchill paid a tribute to GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, GENERAL SIR NATHAN WILSON, the Staff Officers who planned it and the troops who performed this remarkable feat of endurance and skill.

Mr. Churchill repeated that it was too soon yet to speak of the scale and extent of the operations. "The whole episode," he said, "must be judged by the background that it was only two or three months ago that we were in an anxious position in this area. The anxieties have now been removed," added Mr. Churchill, "and the British claim that Egypt will be defended against all-comers has been made good."



MR. CHURCHILL

U.S. Blocking Up Loopholes In The Embargo To Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—Recent activities of the American and British Governments tend to confirm the opinion expressed in the NEW YORK TIMES.

It is increasingly clear the wars in Europe and Asia are at the bottom of a single war.

The American loan to China followed by British credits and new restrictions of metal exports from the United States, which primarily affect Japan, are not considered here as anything but blows against Japan on behalf of China and all others fighting Nazi aggression.

In addition, though the concentration of American warcraft at Hawaii is said to be without diplomatic significance, it is expected Tokyo will take due note of it.

The new restrictions on metal exports definitely block up loopholes in the previous general but loose embargo on metal exports to Japan.

Reports from the Far East indicate the considerable wonderment among American residents over the recent strong advice to leave the Orient.

CHANGING TEMPER

Could they see the firm, if slow, development of the American

CONTINUED PRESSURE: NO PAUSE

The British forces in the Western Desert are keeping up continued pressure on the Italians without a pause, states a London message.

Having captured Sidi Barrani, the British forces are now pressing on westwards. Fierce fighting is going on in the area of Bugbug 15 miles west of Sidi Barrani.

SO LARGE IS THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS CAPTURED AND MATERIAL TAKEN THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SORT THEM OUT.

The Italians were estimated to have had two divisions in this area from which it could be judged that a considerable amount of equipment has fallen in the British hands.

The Italians are now beginning to minimise the capture of Sidi Barrani. This is contrary to their view on Sept. 18 when they commented on the military importance of the town. Since that date, Sidi Barrani has been greatly fortified.

The Italian Wireless is trying to make out that Sidi Barrani is of little strategic value.

High praise is given in all reports to the co-operation between the three fighting forces. British naval units continue to hammer the coastal positions, while the Royal Air Force is bombing the Italian retreat. No damage or casualties has been suffered by any British units engaged in these operations.

Yesterday's communique reports that British naval units bombarded a number of points in Somaliland and that an important part was played by the R. A. F.

NAVY'S PART

An Admiralty communique states that the Royal Navy continued to

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

THE BRILLIANT OPERATIONS OF BRITISH FORCES in the Western Desert, culminating in the capture of Sidi Barrani, were reflected in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister when he described it as a victory of the first order and paid tribute to General Wavell, General Wilson, and the Staff Officers, who planned the complicated operation and the troops for their remarkable feat of endurance.

THE GREEKS HAVE ADVANCED ABOUT TWO MILES along the coastal road and are now slightly to the north of the village of Kelyce. Some reports state that the Greeks have actually entered the village but official confirmation is lacking.

LORD LOTHIAN, BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, died yesterday at the age of 58. He was appointed to the post in succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay in April last year and recently visited London. Lord Lothian was formerly in the India Office.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI, SUE JOHN LATHAM, the first Australian Minister to Tokyo, said that Australian interests depended on the Pacific and they could not be indifferent to changes there.

POWER STATIONS, INLAND DOCKS, AND RAILWAY YARDS were among the targets in Western Germany attacked on Wednesday night by the Royal Air Force. Invasion ports were also attacked and from these operations two British aircraft are missing.

Greater Part Of Enemy Bottled Up

LONDON, Dec. 12 (BWS)

Latest information available in London regarding the fighting in the Western Desert of Egypt leads the authorities here to entertain good hopes that a greater part of the enemy troops in Sidi Barrani and its immediate neighbourhood have been bottled up and possibly captured.

AN AUTHORITATIVE MILITARY COMMENTATOR PUTS THIS FORCE AT SOMEWHERE ABOUT TWO DIVISIONS.

If this assumption is correct, no doubt is felt that a very large stock of war material built up at Sidi Barrani since its capture by the Italians on Sept. 18 becomes, as one expert expressed it, a gift.

The exact strength of Italian divisions in this area is not definitely known but may be placed at from 14,000 to 17,000 each.

WELL PLANNED

The success of these operations, which are proceeding satisfactorily, is attributed here to very well planned strategy based on loyal and close co-operation between the three fighting services.

The three generals captured in yesterday's fighting were General Sebastiano Gallina who is a Corps Commander, and Generals Amando Pescatore and Mezzari, who are Divisional Commanders.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (British Wireless)—An Italian communique, while making no specific reference to the loss of Sidi Barrani, refers to the fierce fighting west of that town in the zone of Bugbug.

It says that losses caused to the enemy in men and material were heavy and adds significantly "our own losses were also notable."

SHARP RISE IN STOCK MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—What America thinks of the capture of Sidi Barrani is shown by the sharp rise in the stock markets.

Rally commentators are trying with each other in praise of the secrecy with which the British preparations were made, the speed of the attack and the brilliance of British Staff work.

Newspapers also splash the news in big headlines.

DRAMATIC MESSAGES REVEAL EXTENT OF ITALIAN DEFEAT

During the last three hours a series of dramatic messages have revealed something of the extent of the defeat which the Italians have suffered in the Western Desert, states a message from London at 4 p.m. G.M.T. yesterday.

THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN NOW EXCEED 20,000.

British aircraft showed their mastery of the air by incessant attacks on Italian forces on their retreat.

Among the prisoners are hundreds of officers.

Bomber and fighter aircraft took an active part in the operations an important feature of which was the bombing of enemy aerodromes.

The Italian retreat has now become general and British planes are causing destruction to Marshal Graziani's Army with heavy attacks on focal points of the Italian retreat.

British land forces include units from India besides other Imperial forces and Free French units.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, have sent a message of congratulations to General Wavell.

The message says: "On behalf of all ranks of the Army at home and in other theatres, we send you and the men under your command, our congratulations on your brilliant victory. It has filled us all with pride."

Wu Te-chen Praises Sino-British Harmony

IPOR (BRITISH MALAYA)

Dec. 12 (Central)—Speaking at the Rotary Club in Ipoh yesterday, Gen. Wu Te-chen, China's goodwill envoy to the South Seas Islands and Minister of Overseas Affairs, praised the Sino-British co-operation in Malaya.

He said: "The harmony and co-operation between the Chinese, Britons, Malaysians and others speak well for the future of Sino-British relations. The announcement of a £10,000,000 British loan to China is eloquent proof of Sino-British friendship."

Gen. Wu and party arrived here on Tuesday by a special train from Kuala Lumpur. "Thousands" of Chinese crowded the Ipoh Station to welcome the Chinese envoy. After a brief stay here, Gen. Wu is expected to proceed to Penang.

QUEEN THANKS PEOPLE OF COLONIAL EMPIRE

Her Majesty the Queen thanked the people of the Colonial Empire yesterday when she accepted on behalf of the Y. M. C. A. a number of mobile canteens, which had been contributed from overseas, says a London message.

The Queen said: "Ever since the beginning of the war the Colonial Empire has been unsparing in its support of the Mother Country. It is not only the material aspect that touches us, but that the people of the Colonies shares with us our present difficulties."

Her Majesty said that she had asked Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to express Britain's thanks for this welcome and valuable gift.



QUEEN ELIZABETH

British Bombers Hammer German Power Stations

The Air Ministry reports that British bombers on Wednesday attacked targets in Western Germany including power stations, inland docks and industrial centres. In these operations one British machine was lost, states a London message.

German attacks on Britain were on a fairly heavy scale for the first time since Sunday. There was a heavy raid over the London area and over Liverpool. One enemy bomber was destroyed during Wednesday night.

The Air Ministry communique states that attacks were made during the night on a town in the Midlands when a certain amount of damage was done. A number of fires broke out but these were quickly extinguished.

It has now been revealed that the oldest part of Eton College was damaged during recent raids over Britain. The school yard and the Headmaster's house were hit.

WEATHER HELPFUL

Mr. Oliver Stewart, the well-known aeronautical expert, referring to the effect of bad weather on bombing operations in a talk in London yesterday, said that during the next four months the weather may prove very helpful to Britain.

Most modern bombers, he said, were today fitted with full equipment for meeting bad visibility so that large cities can be bombed even though they are covered by fog. Bad weather, however, cannot be expected to stop bombing operations, very costly.

Furthermore, night flying operations in bad weather usually produce a good many crashes, when they are undertaken on a large scale.

Generally speaking, bad weather over Germany is going to have a bigger effect than bad weather over Britain, says Mr. Stewart. If our fog continues to do its work this winter, it will provide a difficult puzzle for the Germans.

DEATH OF MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN

SUDDEN PASSING IN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter) The District of Columbia Coroner announces that the MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, C.H., M.A., British Ambassador to the United States since April last year, died in the British Embassy in Washington at 3 a.m. local time today.

He was 58 years of age and was the only son of the late Major-General Lord Ralph Kerr.

Lord Lothian was reported yesterday to be indisposed and had to cancel his visit to Baltimore to address the American Farm Bureau Association's dinner.

The speech which he had prepared for delivery at the function was read by Mr. Neville Butler, Counsellor of the British Embassy.

LAST SPEECH

A passage from Lord Lothian's speech which was read in Baltimore, said: "If you back us you will not be backing a quitter."

MORE OUTSPOKEN

LONDON, Dec. 12 (BWS)—Lord Lothian's speech yesterday regarding American aid for the British cause was read with great interest here where the opinion is expressed that no Ambassador from a belligerent to a neutral nation had ever been more outspoken in public.

"That it should have been possible," states the DAILY TELEGRAPH, "for the diplomatic representative of Great Britain to make such a direct and unreserved appeal to the people of the United States is striking evidence of the intimacy and understanding—hardly to be matched elsewhere—in the relationship between the two English speaking Democracies."

APPOINTMENT WAS WELCOMED The announcement in April last year of the appointment of the Marquis of Lothian as the British Ambassador to the United States in succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay, was widely welcomed as a notable contribution to Anglo-American understanding.

Head of an ancient border family, Lord Lothian held many titles—including once a Marquis, twice an Earl, once a Viscount, and four times a Baron. He owned between 20,000 and 30,000 acres of land, with seats at Blickling in Norfolk, Newbattle Abbey in Scotland, which he handed over as a college for adult workers, and Monteviot at Ancrum, Scotland.

FOSTERED SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

As Philip Kerr, he was instrumental with Lord Milner in bringing about the Union of South Africa after the Boer War.

As a member of the Round Table Conference on India in 1932 he was made Chairman of the Indian

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GREAT STRUGGLE ANTICIPATED IN AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

SAPPER FAVOURED TO WIN CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

BY "LAST QUARTER"

THOUGH IN SEVERAL RACES THE FIELDS FACING THE STARTER WILL BE NUMERICALLY SMALL, THE FINAL RACE MEETING OF THE 1940 SEASON to be held at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon, should produce some of the keenest racing of the year. The Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies should be enough inducement for a visit to the race course tomorrow, as one of the best struggle for honours will probably take place.

It is difficult to recall a similar race (these last few years that has produced such a field of top-notch China ponies as will be saddled tomorrow and the ultimate winner can really lay claim to the title of "Champion China Pony" and be fully deserving of the coveted honour. The starters will probably only number six or seven, but this will be made up for by the quality on display, and a visit to the paddock before the race will prove most interesting.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., with the first race starting the usual half an hour later. (The Hongkong Autumn Champions is the fourth race on the programme and a strongly advised all racing enthusiasts; punters or otherwise, to be certain of getting down to the track in time for this big event of the day.

The Queensland Autumn Champions for Australian ponies is listed as Race No. 6 and though it appears that Sapper will probably win, despite a spirited challenge from Baffin Bay, I do not expect such a driving finish here as in the other classic.

CHANGE IN PROGRAMME

The numerical order of the races as listed in the draft programme and advance copy of entries has been changed in respect to the first and sixth races. The Queensland Autumn Champions was originally scheduled as the first race and the Tardy Handicap for "B" Class China ponies as the sixth race. These two events have been interchanged, which was undoubtedly an excellent move and should prove beneficial to the participants.

TARDY HANDICAP

All five entries should go to the post in this mile race for "B" Class China ponies and though

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th December, 1940.

645 168 lbs.

Confusion Bay's best time was 2.22 at the Annual Meeting with 159 lbs., and incidentally beating Eve of Harvest (168 lbs.) in this same event by two clear lengths. O-Lan galloped brilliantly in the St. Leger and finished the last quarter in 28-2/5, with the last mile in 1:55-1/5, and I venture to say that Mr. Needa could have won by a much bigger margin than the official short head. Craigavad has jumped into prominence with the impressive six-furlong win in 1:20-3/5 at the last meeting.

To those who base their calculations mainly on time, we have quite an intricate problem based on the above, and I must admit it would take more than a high-grade Chartered Account to sift out all the details and prove, at least what it appears to be on paper, the best pony to back. I am going to forget all these previous records and base my final selection tomorrow on what I have seen of the ponies in actual training and their present condition, and may the best pony win.

In passing, I must mention that Eve of Harvest is looking grand and is probably pounds better than when she last raced. Confusion Bay is also primed up and the other candidates looking their usual self.

Laggards' Handicap

Venus Bay has not been too kind to her supporters in the last two meetings and tomorrow I think she has a glorious chance of making it up to them, as the mile will give Mr. Needa plenty of time to get this chestnut balanced and striding out by the time the stretch is reached, where she should be able to show them the way home. The opposition is not formidable and the only others I can concede a chance of making a mild attempt to fight out the issue would be Cookler and Warrego River. The first named has been showing improved form lately and was only recently demoted, one must remember.

Bredon is not a bad proposition, but will have a much better chance if handled by one of the more experienced and stronger lockers. Bruno should be the outsider in this event, which incidentally, is the first leg of the Daily Double.

QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

The winner of this Classic should be easier to pick than in the fourth event as Sapper is, undoubtedly outstanding and the logical bet. Far View, the winner of the Rothy Hill Derby and always a grim challenger to Sapper, is somewhat off colour at the moment and I doubt if the stable connections will even this bay. Baffin Bay won convincingly at the last meeting in a mile race and the extra quarter tomorrow should be a decided advantage. This pony is practically a certainty for place money and if not too badly tailed off over the first six furlongs, will make Sapper run over the last half mile.

Viceroy will have a host of supporters, but I feel this one will have to finish behind Sapper and Baffin Bay, and probably have to fight it out with Lancashire Chips and Amicus Curiae for the minor placing.

Lingerers' Handicap

For the second leg of the Daily Double, I like the chances of Longdon, though Rothy is very dangerous especially if Mr. Needa is in the saddle, as was the case last Saturday morning. Quick Despatch (Mr. Black) is quite fit and should be just as good as any of the other two. Rising Star will pay handsomely if successful and therefore this bay is the one to follow if you are one of those punters that must have an outsider every race.

FINAL HANDICAP

The Leopard will have to carry a 7-lb. penalty for the recent win at Mead and this additional weight may prove too much for this grey. He is still dangerous, however, though I would prefer to place my bet on Royal Highness, who has been doing some steady training work. This chestnut is capable of winning if handled patiently by the jockey and brought along only in the last furlongs.

Salvage Master (Tap) has improved and may surprise the favourites. Sunlight View is fast but the weight and distance is against this bay, candidate whom I understand will be ridden by Mr. Peter Wel. If Eve of Peace starts, remember to have at least a covering bet on this pony, as this stable usually has at least one good thing at each meeting.

My final selections will appear tomorrow morning.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Warm Welcome Extended To First Lady Member

The Kowloon Chess Club Annual Dinner, held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday night, attracted a very good attendance, 25 members being present and eight guests. The function proved a very enjoyable one and a good number of those who attended stayed after dinner for a Lightning Tournament.

The President, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, speaking at the dinner, extended the warm welcome of the Club to its first lady member, Miss Alma Sequeira, and expressed the wish that at the next annual dinner the fairer sex would have an even larger representation.

The Club's annual tournaments this year had attracted 24 members out of a total membership of 34, and this would surely be considered a good record for any Club, the President said. He said he had heard of the enthusiasm of some of the younger members, and promised that on the completion of the present Club Championship Tournaments a Ladder Tournament would be started.

He also welcomed to the Dinner the two representatives of the Victoria Chess Club, Mr. B. G. Birch and Mr. E. Zimmermann, and extended to all members of the Victoria Chess Club an invitation to attend the Club's weekly meetings at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He congratulated the prize-winners, and commended to the applause of all present the hard-working Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Kurrik, and Mr. A. C. Mitchell, who had contributed to the success of the dinner by preparing a very interesting menu card.

PRESIDENT THANKED
Mr. B. G. Birch, replying for the Victoria Chess Club, thanked the President for his generous invitation to members of his club and said also that though the Victoria Chess Club, always a smaller one than the Kowloon Chess Club, had now only a very small membership it was hoped that the situation would improve in the not too far future when the Club could come out of its, so to call it, hibernation for the present.

However, when inter-Club matches would again become a possibility, he was afraid the Kowloon Chess Club would hold a tremendous advantage in the fact that it could now boast a lady player.

PRIZES PRESENTED
Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. A. C. Mitchell also spoke. At the conclusion of the dinner, the President presented the prizes to last year's winners.

Colony Championship: Mr. K. M. A. Barnett; runner-up, Mr. E. Zimmermann.

Club Championship: Mr. K. M. A. Barnett; runners-up, Messrs. A. Kurrik and A. Y. Birukoff.

Club Junior Championship: Mr. W. Lee; runner-up, Mr. F. A. Fabel.

LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT
The following were the results of the Lightning Tournament held after dinner:

Preliminary Round: K. M. A. Barnett beat Cecil Lee; R. Danenberg beat V. D. Rumanzoff; Dr. H. S. Frank beat J. Grefalda; G. S. Coxhead beat C. E. Wong; A. Y. Birukoff beat J. H. D'Almeida; and C. M. Sequeira beat A. C. Poupard.

First Round: L. R. Gale beat J. Walther; D. Drake beat V. V. Kolatchoff; K. Weiss beat B. D. Evans; W. Lee beat E. Smith; G. S. Coxhead beat Dr. H. S. Frank; and C. M. Sequeira beat A. Y. Birukoff.

Second Round: Miss A. Sequeira beat K. M. A. Barnett; D. Drake beat L. R. Gale; K. Weiss beat W. Lee; and C. M. Sequeira beat G. S. Coxhead.

Semi-final: D. Drake beat Miss A. Sequeira; C. M. Sequeira beat K. Weiss.

Final: K. Weiss beat D. Drake. Others present who did not participate in the tournament were Messrs. O. F. Hamilton, E. Zimmermann, E. Kern, F. A. Fabel, A. Kurrik, Th. Lauer, W. Paterson, H. W. Randall, and H. A. Samuel. A sum of \$77 was collected in the course of the evening and which will be donated to the Bomber Fund.

CRICKET WIN FOR MEDICAL "A"

In an inter-Faculty friendly cricket match between the Medical "A" and Medical "B" elevens at Pokfulam yesterday, "A" defeated "B" by two wickets.

"B"—128 runs (C.W. Hood 21, Amplanavar 27; Haung 3 for 8, Ben Gupta 4 for 27).
"A"—173 runs for 9 wickets (Haung 34, T. S. Chin 42; Amplanavar 4 for 51).

A FAMOUS INDIAN CRICKETER

"DULEEP" RECALLS HIS DEBUT

K. S. Duleepsinhji, the world famous cricketer who earned Test match immortality when he scored 173 runs in his first appearance for England against Australia at Lord's in 1930, this arrived in Singapore from America with his wife on his way back to Jamnagar, India, states the Singapore Herald. He is the nephew of the late Ranjitsinhji.

Very modest, "Duleep" had to be coaxed by interviewers to say something about his cricket career, which had been cut short by an illness which caused him to retire from the sport eight years ago.

"I am out of touch with cricket, though I am still very keen about the game," was one of his reasons for wanting to say nothing, while another was that he wanted to lose no time in getting ashore. Yet this broad shouldered Indian cricketer who has scored 50 centuries in his seven years of first class cricket from 1925 to 1932, very communicative once he started talking. He said he had played Test cricket for England, against Australia, New Zealand and South Africa many more times than he could remember, and neither could he remember the countless hours he put in every day perfecting those effortless strokes of his, which made him one of the idols of his day.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

His love for "King Willow" gripped him while he was yet a little boy in India. He went to England in 1919, and started his education in Cheltenham School where he became the captain of the school.

Then he graduated to Cambridge University, where he played cricket for the University first eleven for three years before joining Sussex. Soon afterwards he was selected to represent England against Australia.

That was at Lord's in 1930 and he said it was the game he liked to remember above all others, as he scored 173 runs, the highest individual score for England, but not for the match.

He was beaten by Don Bradman, who hit all round the wicket for 220 runs. To him, "Duleep" pays the highest tribute by saying, "Don is a wonderful cricketer, the world's best in his day."

For Larwood, the Nottingham fast bowler who caused a tremendous sensation in Australia with his 22-yard run and 90-miles-an-hour delivery, Duleepsinhji has the highest regard and classes him and Macdonald, the Australian speed merchant, as the world's two fastest bowlers.

"I have been bowled many times by Larwood," said Duleepsinhji with a far-away look in his eyes, before he commented on whom he thought were the two best googly bowlers in the world, "Tich" Freeman and C. V. Grimmett. Maurice Tate he said, was the best medium-paced bowler he had ever faced, and then, without any warning he was off and the interview ended.

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Leading Boxers "Grow In Plantations" In Hawaii

Centre of American amateur boxing is not far from the centre of the Pacific Ocean—and that isn't as crazy as it sounds. For the greatest and best-coached group of amateur boxers we have yet seen is growing up on the Hawaiian Islands.

The Island boys proved their ability this year. When the National A.A.U. championships were held in Boston the team from Honolulu placed six men in the semi-finals, four in the finals, and took home two national championships. No other city in the country came close to that mark, yet Honolulu isn't a big place.

Why, should these tropical islands have so many skilled fighters? It isn't climate; it's anything their weather is a bit warm for vigorous athletics. It isn't race; one of the national champions from Hawaii was Japanese, Paul Matsumoto. Few Japanese have won boxing titles.

"We sought out 'Pump' Searle, one of the leaders in Hawaiian sport, and asked him about it. 'The plantations,' he said enigmatically, waving his arms.

SIGN LANGUAGE
"What about the plantations?" we insisted, pinning him down. "Pump" has a way of flailing the

ago also help trim the boys.

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17	Adhesive	27	worship	37	Insect	47	for wine	57	Hawaiian
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24	for wine	34	for wine	44	Perform	54	Competent	64	Force
25	from flowers	35	from flowers	45	Vegeter	55	Contriver	65	Falm leaf
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ROLAND YOUNG AT THE KING'S

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Roland Young took a round-about way to become one of the screen's foremost comedians. Young, who appears with Nancy Kelly, Robert Cummings and Hugh Herbert in the new Universal comedy, "Private Affairs," now playing at the King's Theatre, got his start in life as a choir boy.

He was born in London, the son of Keith Young, a noted architect. Roland was educated at Sherborne in Dorset and at University College, London, where Alfred the Great once went to school. Young's first screen appearance was with John Barrymore in "Sherlock Holmes" in 1923, and he followed this with a long series of successes.

COMING EVENTS

DEC.
13—Times: High 9.57 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.42 a.m. and 1.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.
Claims against A.E.O. Electric Co., H.K. Telco and Schroeder, H.K. German Leather Trading Co., H.K. (in liquidation) due.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.—8 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Criminal Sessions Commerce, 10 a.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming.

St. John's Ambulance Hqrs.: First Aid Course to the Injured, 8 p.m.
Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid Lecture, Volunteer Hqrs., 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.
14—Times: High 9.50 a.m. and 8.35 p.m. Low 2.22 a.m. and 2.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Claims against estate of the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Earl of Incheadue due.
Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor to open new Chinese Baptist Chapel, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Charity Dance at H.K. University, 9.30 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Australasian Assn. General Meeting, St. Francis Hotel, 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming, Tennis.

H.K. English Forum, Third Annual Family Show, Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road, 8 p.m.
Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

15—Times: High 10.28 a.m. and 9.06 p.m. Low 3.58 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K. Golf Championships, semi-finals.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.: Speaker: Mr. E. H. Lockwood on "Development in Kwangtung"; Tennis & Swimming.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.
Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

16—Times: High 11.06 a.m. and 9.41 p.m. Low 4.36 a.m. and 3.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutsch Club, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degeuch & Degussa (Hans Hornumel), G. Hartig, Heinz Artz, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.
H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition, Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 9—12 noon; Swimming.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
17—Times: High 11.45 a.m. and 10.20 p.m. Low 5.15 a.m. and 4.55 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.

Kowloon Ladies' Working Party—"Bring-and-Buy-Something" Tea Party, Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.—6 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Women's Section, American Tea, 4 p.m.; Badminton & Mixed Swimming; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

18—Times: High 12.23 p.m. and 11.05 p.m. Low 5.58 a.m. and 4.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 9—12 noon; Swimming; Chess Night, 8 p.m.
19—Times: High 1.20 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 5.16 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

20—Times: High 1.58 p.m. and 12.28 p.m. Low 7.18 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

21—Times: High 2.36 p.m. and 1.06 p.m. Low 7.56 a.m. and 6.38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

22—Times: High 3.14 p.m. and 1.44 p.m. Low 8.34 a.m. and 7.16 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.00 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

23—Times: High 3.52 p.m. and 2.22 p.m. Low 9.12 a.m. and 7.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

24—Times: High 4.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Low 9.50 a.m. and 8.32 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

25—Times: High 5.08 p.m. and 3.38 p.m. Low 10.28 a.m. and 9.10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

26—Times: High 5.46 p.m. and 4.16 p.m. Low 11.06 a.m. and 9.48 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.50 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.
Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

27—Times: High 6.24 p.m. and 4.54 p.m. Low 11.44 a.m. and 10.26 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

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Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

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12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

"Going Places" Piano Medley (Ellis): "A Little White Room" (Floodlight)—Beverly Nichols.

12.40 Gerald and His Orchestra.

Accordions Nights, Medley—Intro: Changing of the Guard; Consolation: You Home; Rio de Janeiro; When the Rest of the Crowd Goes Home; I Can't Get Mississippi Off My Mind; Lies—Gerald and His Orchestra.

Band, Fox-Trots—Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from "Cotton Club Parade"); What Goes Up Must Come Down (from "Cotton Club Parade")—Gerald and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. "The Fleet's Lit Up"—Selection—Gerald and His London Hippodrome Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Bocherini—Concerto in B Flat Major.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio non troppo; 3rd Mov: Rondo (Allegro)—Cadenza—Paul Casals (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 John McCormack (Tenor), and the London Palladium Orchestra.

Marches—The Liberator (Andante); The Spirit of Youth (Gibert)—The London Palladium Orchestra.

The Kerry Dance (Molloy)—John McCormack (Tenor) with Orch. Love Makes the World Go Round (from "These Foolish Things"); When You Dream About Hawaii (from "These Foolish Things")—London Palladium Orchestra.

Soloists: Gerry Fitzgerald, Green Isle of Erin (Bingham-Roeckel)—John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra. Master Melodies—Intro: March "Casse Noisette" Suite; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2; Trau-mere! Moment Musical; Romance; Waltz; Spring Song; Invitation to the Waltz; Hungarian Dance No. 6—London Palladium Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Whisper and I Shall Hear (Piccolomini)—Soloist: John Duncan.

The Song that Reached My Heart (Jordan)—Soloists: Gwen Catley and John Duncan. Carry Me Back to Green Pastures (Pepper)—Soloist: George James.

7.45 Marcel Falott at the Organ.

Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Delibes); Penamora—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein); La Danza (Rossini); Jan Klepura Film Memorials.

Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Charlie Kinn at the Piano.

Charlie Kinn Piano Medley No. 2.

5—Intro: When I grow too old to Dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My Dance; In the Month of May; The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes. Piano Medley No. 2. 12—Intro: When Irish Eyes are Smiling; Comin' Thru' the Rye; Oh! You Beautiful Doll; Tip! Tidy! Lily of Laguna; Loch Lomond; If You Were the Only Girl in the World; Daisy Bell.

8.15 London Relay—Stanley Holloway.

8.30 Variety.

Organ and Piano—The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams)—Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough. Vocal—Secin' is Believin' (Adams & Agel); Rehearsing a Lullaby (Hoffman and Others)—Lee Allen (Baritone) with Piano and Orch. Piano—Speak Easy (Gensler); Rollin' Home (De Rose)—The Eight Piano Symphony. Vocal—Experiment "Nymph Errant"—Cole Porter; The Physician (Nymph Errant)—Cole Porter—Gertrude Lawrence with Orchestra. Vocal—Form Fours—War Sonas Medley—The Rhythm (Vocal Quartet) with Orch.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.10 London Relay—Talk: "Boots and People."

9.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Iolanthe"—Loudly Let the Trumpet Blare!—Chorus of Men. In Vain To Us You Plead—Nellie Walker. Alice Moxart, Delya Oldham, Darrell Fancourt and Chorus. "The Yeomen of the Guard"—Were I Thy Bride—Nellie Brercliffe. Oh, Sergeant Meryll, Is It True?—Peter Dawson and Chorus. Ave, Sing Him, Girl—Leo Sheffeld, De & Oldham, Nellie Brercliffe and Aale Chorus. The Prisoner Comes to Meet His Doom—Full Company. "The Pirates of Penzance"—Oh, Men of Dark and Dismal Fate—George Baker and Chorus. You May Go, For You're At Liberty—Full Company. Oh! Dry the Glistening Tear—Ede Griffin and Chorus of Girls.

10.15 Variety.

Orch.—Fantasia on Sea Shanties (arr. Giblilar)—London Symphony Orchestra. Vocal—Ah, Moon of My Delight (from "In a Persian Garden"—Omar Khayyam—Lehmann). Webster Booth with Orchestra. Orch.—The Flowers' Cares—Waltz (Leontjens); In Tulp Land—Waltz (Fazzeller)—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra. Piano—Phil The Fluter's Ball (French-Mayer); Hongkong Haggis (Rossborough)—Patricia Rossborough. Vocal—Nice Kind Sergeant-Major (Long); In Our Village A.R.P. (Long)—Norman Long. Vocal—Baby, What Else Can I Do? (from "Grand Terrace Revue"); I Just Got A Letter (Franklin)—Ethel Waters with Orchestra. Vocal—Turn on the Old Music Box; Give a Little Whistle (both from film "Pinocchio")—Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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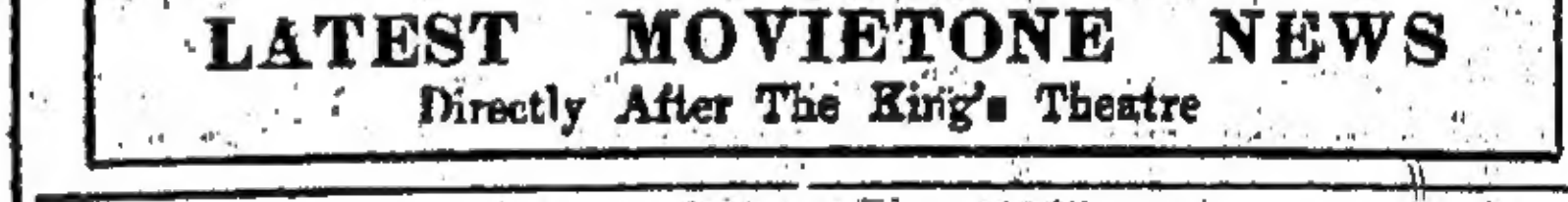
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NEW STRATEGY PUTS U.S. BATTLE LINE IN FAR EAST, NOT AT HAWAII

WASHINGTON, NOV. 28.—NAVY SECRETARY FRANK KNOX SERVED NOTICE ON THE WORLD TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARING TO DEFEND THE WEST HEMISPHERE AGAINST ALL COMERS WHEN HE REVEALED THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ALLOTTED \$50,000,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHAIN OF AIR AND NAVAL BASES RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN EXCHANGE FOR 56 OVER-AGE DESTROYERS.

At his press conference today, Secretary Knox declined to comment on whether there had been any developments in respect to joint use of British and United States bases in the Pacific as has been reported in Washington and London.

However, despite the official reticence in Washington, it was understood that American defense strategy in the Far East has undergone a rapid crystallization since the adherence of Japan to the tripartite alliance, and plans are now being worked out for a new offensive against American interests in the Far East, would give the interlude necessary to arrange definitive battle lines.

TO VISIT PANAMA
Knox announced in today's press conference the organization of the eighth naval district headquarters at New Orleans to be completed on Dec. 15.

The navy secretary also revealed that he would make a flying trip to Panama, Culebra and Guantanamo between Dec. 4 and 12.

Knox's announcement of the \$50,000,000 allotment for bases in the Atlantic served as a reminder to a few South American nations that these bases will not only be an invaluable asset to "hemisphere defense" but may prove of considerable importance to the "national defenses" of many of the American republics.

The United States has officially served notice that the new bases to be built from Newfoundland to Georgetown in British Guiana will be opened to the use of all the republics of the New World, and not the United States alone.

FREE USE OF BASES
This announced purpose has generally been assumed to mean that naval and air forces of the other American republics, engaged in joint defense of the American continent as a whole, would be free to use these bases for refueling, provisioning and repairs while on patrol duty.

However, it is pointed out that the United States, in offering the bases to the other Americas, placed no limitation on their use. Thus, it is pointed out, such bases as Trinidad and Georgetown might prove of considerable value to such countries as Brazil, Venezuela and possibly Colombia as the starting point for air patrols of their territories in event of non-American aggression.

Trinidad, for example, shields a large portion of Venezuela from any approach from the east and north. It also commands the Orinoco river delta and the great river valley lying behind it.

Trinidad, when fortified and protected, will be able to control ship movements approaching or leaving the river. In event of emergency no hostile force could approach the river mouth on a large part of the Venezuelan coast unchallenged. In addition, Venezuela's small fleet of submarines and armed motor launches would find a new safe base for coastal operations.

COULD GUARD AMAZON
Trinidad and Georgetown might provide suitable bases for Brazilian and Venezuelan air forces operating over the vast Amazon and Orinoco valleys. Aircraft operating from the British Guiana base, for example, would be able to penetrate far into the Brazilian interior.

Such patrols might greatly assist the defense of the Amazon valley in an emergency. Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia have territories within the Amazon basin of which the western watershed is only a few hundred miles from the Pacific at some points.

The "inter-American" bases might also prove of indirect value to other republics not in proximity to them. It is pointed out, for example, that vessels from countries on the west coast of South America might find Jamaica, Trinidad or Georgetown convenient places for refueling, provisioning and repair.

In connexion with the new bases, reports are current here that the establishment of a base at Bahia de Samana is being studied in official circles. These reports are not confirmed. Special naval privileges for United States in Samana bay have been discussed intermittently for more than half a century.

NATAL SUITABLE SITE
Many experts believe this bay would be an ideal location for a new base, or at least an anchorage.

HOME PAPER FINED

PUBLISHED ARTICLE ON EMPIRE DEFENCES

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The first prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations resulted in the Managing Editor and publisher of the Reynolds News being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs.

The allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy.

An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper, ignoring the deletions made by the official censor.

The Magistrate trying the case agreed that a mistake had been made and that there was no intentional anti-British action.

MISSIONARIES AND FAMILIES LEAVE CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA

WITHDRAWALS ARE TEMPORARY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The temporary withdrawal of approximately 100 missionaries with their families from China, Japan and Korea was announced yesterday by the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The announcement declares the withdrawals are only temporary and have been ordered only after repeated and urgent requests by consular authorities in the Far East under orders from the Department of State in Washington.

Most of those being withdrawn are older missionaries and women and children.

Small cadres will be left at each mission.

CANADIANS NOT AFFECTED
TORONTO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The local missionary headquarters of Canadian churches pointed out that the withdrawal of United States missionaries from the Far East does not affect Canadian missionaries serving in China, Japan and Korea.

A number of Canadian missionaries have returned from their posts in China, Japan and Korea but other parties have taken their places in the last few months.

The withdrawal of United States missionaries is said to conform to the general advice to United States residents to leave the Orient.

Air Marshal Tedder Commences Duties

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Air Marshal A. W. Tedder has arrived and has commenced duties as Deputy to the Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. in the Middle East. It was disclosed yesterday.

This was the post Air Marshal Boyd was en route to take when he was captured by the Italians after a forced landing in Sicily in November.

It is surrounded on three sides by land and holds a commanding position in relation to the important Mona Passage, which separates the Dominican Republic from Puerto Rico.

Some unofficial naval experts have also suggested the advisability of new bases in the vicinity of the "bulge" of Brazil, particularly in view of the fact that this area is the nearest part of the American continent to European-controlled territory. Dakar, the French African colony, is directly across the south Atlantic from the "bulge," a distance of something over 1,000 miles.

Some experts believe that Natal, on the Brazilian mainland, or the Brazilian islands of Trinidad and Fernando Noronha would be the most suitable sites for these bases. The Brazilian island of Trinidad has no connexion with the British island bearing the same name.

VITAL ITALIAN OIL SUPPLIES THREATENED BY GREEK PUSH

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An important source of Italian oil supplies is menaced by the Greek push in north Albania directed towards the Skumbi river valley.

The Devoli River region is threatened; from here comes at least half of Italy's peacetime oil requirements. Though this proportion is reduced owing to war time consumption, the importance of the area is increased by Italy's geographical position and her susceptibility to blockade.

For over a decade before Mussolini drove out King Zog and seized his country, Italy had shown a great interest in, and had spent much money on the development of this oilfield.

Italian interests began prospecting as long ago as 1925. Real progress was visible in 1933 when the Italian Government voted 200 million lire for developing Albanian oil resources. The building of a pipeline to a little oil port near Valona was inaugurated and in January 1936 the first load of crude oil was carried along the 40-mile pipeline.

On the seizure of Albania early in 1939, absolute control of this oil industry constituted one of Italy's chief economic gains, and development was pressed forward with an even greater intensity.

VITAL CONSTITUENT
Several hundred wells were sunk, and it became clear that Italy regarded Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream.

So fast was the development pushed that soon after annexation Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly, compared with only 1,500 tons five years earlier.

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the locking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy which prevents Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.

VALONA BOMBED AGAIN
ATHENS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—R.A.F. again bombed Valona on Tuesday and a vessel in the harbour was hit while other bombs fell among the buildings, munition dump and in the motor transport park.

This was announced at the R.A.F. headquarters in Greece yesterday and it added that all British aircraft returned safely.

No Statement On British War Aims Yet

PRINCIPLES UNDER EXAMINATION

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Statements regarding impending British announcements of war aims are premature. For some time past the Cabinet has been giving a provisional examination to the principles which might guide a general settlement.

It is intended that when Government has brought these discussions to a more definite stage, Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted.

It is obvious that no public statement can be expected in the meantime. In any case, such a statement could only be on general lines as it is not possible to foresee what basic developments may take place in the war situation.

PARTY STRIFE

Furthermore, Government must bear in mind that while it may be desirable to make known what Great Britain and the Allies are fighting for, it is not desirable to place any handicap in advance on any Government which might succeed them after the war is won or to revive Party strife by enunciating proposals which could cause controversy and weaken the war effort.

A British statement is not expected before the New Year, but it is anticipated that the Prime Minister will take an early opportunity in 1941 to make a pronouncement to the world on the subject of the Allies' war aims.

U. S. DECLARATION

In this connexion it may be recalled that President Roosevelt made his inauguration speech at Washington early in January—on occasion which would seem inevitably to promise a declaration of importance from the President of the United States.

MESSERSCHMITTS

BEAT HASTY RETREAT

SOUTH-EAST COAST TOWN BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Small numbers of enemy aircraft have been active over the Channel and south-east coast of England during daylight yesterday and bombs were dropped in a town on the south-east coast shortly after noon.

These, says an Air Ministry communique, demolished some shops and houses and caused a small number of casualties. It added that one enemy aircraft was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters without loss.

Eight Messerschmitt 109s approached the south-east coast of England yesterday afternoon and then suddenly turned and made for home in a hurry.

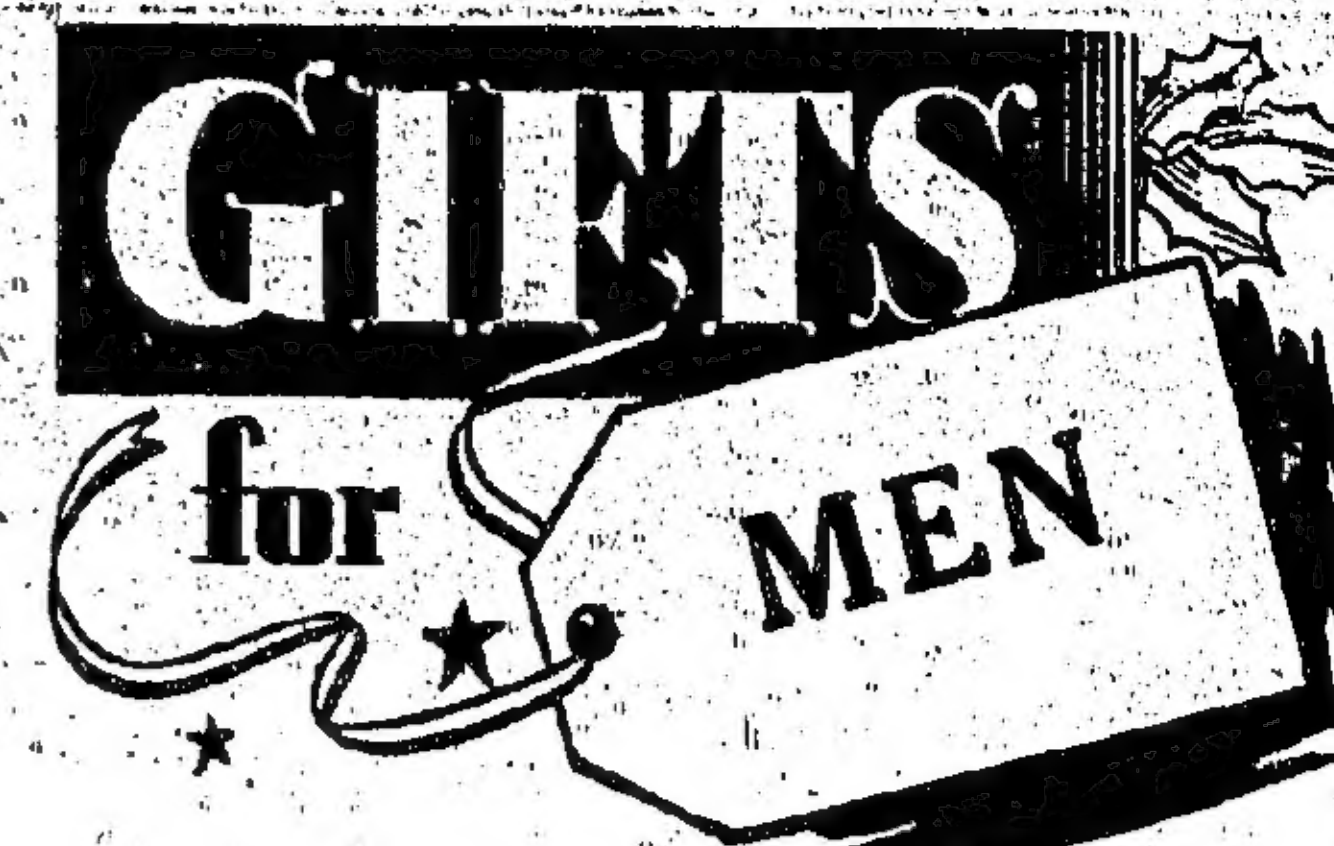
Watchers on the ground soon saw the reason for their flight. A patrol of Spitfires came tearing across the sky headed for Germany.

REPLACING BRITISH SHIP LOSSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The co-operation of the United States in replacing British shipping losses will continue, declared Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission.

Adm. Land said that British losses are now far from two and a half million tons.

The United States, despite many sales, had a reserve of old vessels which could be sold abroad.



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Group photograph taken at the Tai Tung Restaurant yesterday after the marriage between Mr. Ho Man-wai and Miss Yeung Yee-fong. The ceremony was according to Chinese rites. (King's Studio)

REPULSE BAY ROAD CAR COLLISION RECALLED

Question Of Negligence To Be Decided In Claim

A motor collision at Repulse Bay Road, near Deep Water Bay, in the early hours of Sept. 8, had a sequel before Mr. Justice Williams in the Summary Court yesterday when the Great Star Motor Car Co., of No. 61, Lockhart Road, brought a claim for damages, amounting to \$253, against the Ping On Motor Car Co., of No. 60, Lockhart Road.

In their statement of claim, the plaintiffs said that while their driver was driving car No. 233 along Repulse Bay Road, about 12.15 a.m. on Sept. 8, from Stanley to Hongkong, he saw, at the scene of the accident, a rock on the roadway a little distance ahead blocking half the road. He thereupon stopped the car by the roadside, with the view to giving the signal for the cars following to stop as well.

In spite of this the driver of defendants' car (No. 152) drove the car so negligently as to collide into the rear of plaintiffs' car, pushing it over the rock. By this act, defendants' car thereby caused damage to the plaintiffs' car.

As to the damages, plaintiffs' claim was \$133 for repairs, and \$120 for loss of the use of the car for 14 days. The plaintiffs also claimed the costs of the action.

The defendants, while admitting the place and time of the collision and that their car was following behind plaintiffs', denied that their driver was guilty of alleged, or any, negligence. They further contended that the driver of plaintiffs' car was to be blamed for the collision, and counter-claimed for the sum of \$410.60, being \$300.60 for repairs and \$110 for the loss of the use of the car.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. P. Wynter Blyth for the defendants.

ONLY QUESTION

Mr. Silva said that the only question to be decided was that of negligence as both the claim and counter-claim had been agreed between the solicitors. Plaintiffs' car, driven by Wong Yau-hing, was proceeding along Repulse Bay Road in the straight stretch of 350 feet between two bends.

At the far end of the stretch, within 30 feet, where the road turned to the right, the driver saw a rock blocking the roadway. He also saw two cars coming from the opposite direction—that is, from Hongkong to Repulse Bay. He had no alternative but to stop which he did, signalling the usual signal for cars to stop. He was then travelling at between 20 and 25 miles per hour, and stopped within 10 feet.

Continuing, Mr. Silva said that just as the driver was applying his hand brakes, there was a violent bump against the car from behind which threw the vehicle onto the rock and over it. The car which ran into plaintiffs' was driven by defendants' driver.

Mr. Silva went on to say that when the plaintiffs' car was about 100 feet from the rock there was a flash in the mirror, and, looking up, the driver saw a car 200 odd feet away. After the first sight of the rock, the driver gave a hasty glance at the mirror and saw a car about 80 to 90 feet behind him. According to that evidence, that would have been, and should have been, a signal for defendants' car to stop.

DIAGONAL POSITION

Shortly after the collision, the driver alighted from the car and

saw defendants' car had collided with his in a diagonal position. A test made after the collision showed that the rear light of the plaintiffs' car was in perfect order. If there had been a careful watch kept by defendants' driver there would have been no collision.

Evidence was then given by Wong Yau-hing, the driver of plaintiffs' car.

In cross-examination, Wong said that the damage to his car was to rear portion of the car which was dented, the spring of the rear wheel was broken, the wooden body of the rear portion of the car was all broken, and the undercarriage of the car near the oil tank was damaged by the rock when the car was pushed over it.

The hearing was then adjourned until Jan. 3, 1941, at 11.30 a.m.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 11:—Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, two cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, one case; Dysentery, seven cases; Tuberculosis, 40 cases.

Y'S MEN'S TIFFIN:

INTERESTING ADDRESS ON WOMEN-SOLDIERS OF CHINA

An impression of the modern women of China, as gathered during his recent trip to Kook Kung, wartime seat of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, formed the topic of Dr. Li Ying-lam's speech entitled "A Trip to the North of Kwangtung" given at the weekly lunch meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Explaining why he was going to lay emphasis on women, in the opening of his speech, the Chancellor of Lingnam University said that the fair sex always had a stronger hold on the attention of men of all ages.

Dr. Li began by saying that it was very difficult to distinguish women from men on the streets of Kook Kung nowadays, since they dressed exactly like men—in full soldier's kit. Relating his own experience, he said that he had been in an awkward position many times when meeting such women-soldiers.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

During his stay in the wartime provincial capital he had come across many women doing what was supposed previously to be men's job—business. The calmness of the fair sex in facing the frequent air raids was another to be marvelled, he said.

His general impression was that everybody feels free in Free China, and as there is work for everyone to gain a living on, he strongly urged that Chinese men and women should go there to do their part for the country.

Big Chinese Wedding

HO—YEUNG

Two prominent families were united yesterday afternoon when Mr. Ho Man-wai, son of Mr. Ho Ching-fai and the late Mrs. Ho, of 118, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, was married to Miss Yeung Yee-fong, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Yeung, of Hongkong.

The ceremony, according to Chinese rites, took place at Tai Tung Restaurant, Des Voeux Road, at 4 p.m. There was a large gathering of friends and well wishers at the ceremony.

Mr. Wong Kan-chun and Mr. Yee Kok-pang were witnesses to the marriage.

BRIDAL GOWN

The bride, who was attired in white satin bridal gown, cut on Princess lines, carried a sheaf of tuber roses. She wore the conventional tulle veil and a tiara of orange blossoms.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Yeung Ko-fong, as bridesmaid. She wore a white satin gown and a spray of artificial tuber roses in her hair. She carried a sheaf of pink gladioli and maiden hair fern.

FLOWER-GIRLS

The two flower-girls—Misses Ko Wing-sum and Wo Lai-ming—wore pink satin frocks, with ruffles along the neck and hem of the skirts. They carried baskets of pastel shade chrysanthemums.

Mr. Liu Kam-tong, acted as bestman.

A dinner was held at the same restaurant last night when there was another large attendance of friends of the newly wedded couple.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE

FIRST AID EXAM. RESULTS

The following candidates satisfied the examiner at the recent First Aid Examination at the Queen Mary Hospital and will receive St. John's Ambulance' certificate in due course:—

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GLIDER MOVEMENT

With a view to promoting popular air-mindedness and as a step towards training more air pilots, a movement has been launched by the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign among its two million members to raise funds for a squadron of gliders to be christened as the "Anti-Agression Squadron."

A total amount of \$10,000 has already been collected for this purpose, including contributions from the various Provincial Councils of the China Branch.

A drive for funds among the members in Chungking will be launched shortly. (Central News).

NEW REVENUE DIRECTOR

The National Government in a mandate appointed Mr. Chang Ching-yu Director of the Internal Revenue Administration under the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Chang, a native of Kiangsu in the province of Shantung, has been Vice-Director of the Air Force Administration of the Ministry of War, Counsellor of the Ministry of War, member of the Honan Provincial Government, and technical member of the Examination Committee of the Examination Yuan. (Central News).

POLICE REPORTS

The thefts of name plates from the National Commercial Saving Bank, of No. 65 Connaught Road Central, and the Bank of Taiwan, Prince's Building, have been reported to the Police. The total value of the plates were \$30.

Mr. F. A. Sutton, of Shell House, has reported the theft of a Chuck drilling machine between Dec. 4 and 10. The machine was valued at \$30.

Miss Joana Schaffer, of the Mental Hospital, reports that while walking along Eastern Street at 12 p.m. on Wednesday her handbag was snatched from her. The bag and contents were valued at \$30.

Prof. Wilkinson, of No. 8 University Path, has reported the theft of a number of medical instruments from his car which was parked outside the University between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

A bullock valued at \$100, has been reported stolen from his farm by Mr. Wilson, of Yu Kwai So village.

Money, watches and a fountain pen, to the total value of \$100 were stolen from the residence of Cheuk Yue-tong, of No. 27 Caine Road, which was entered by a thief between 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

In Nanning, Wuming, Shanshi, Fuman and Shilin have been ordered to resume classes in their original premises for the spring term next year. (Central News).

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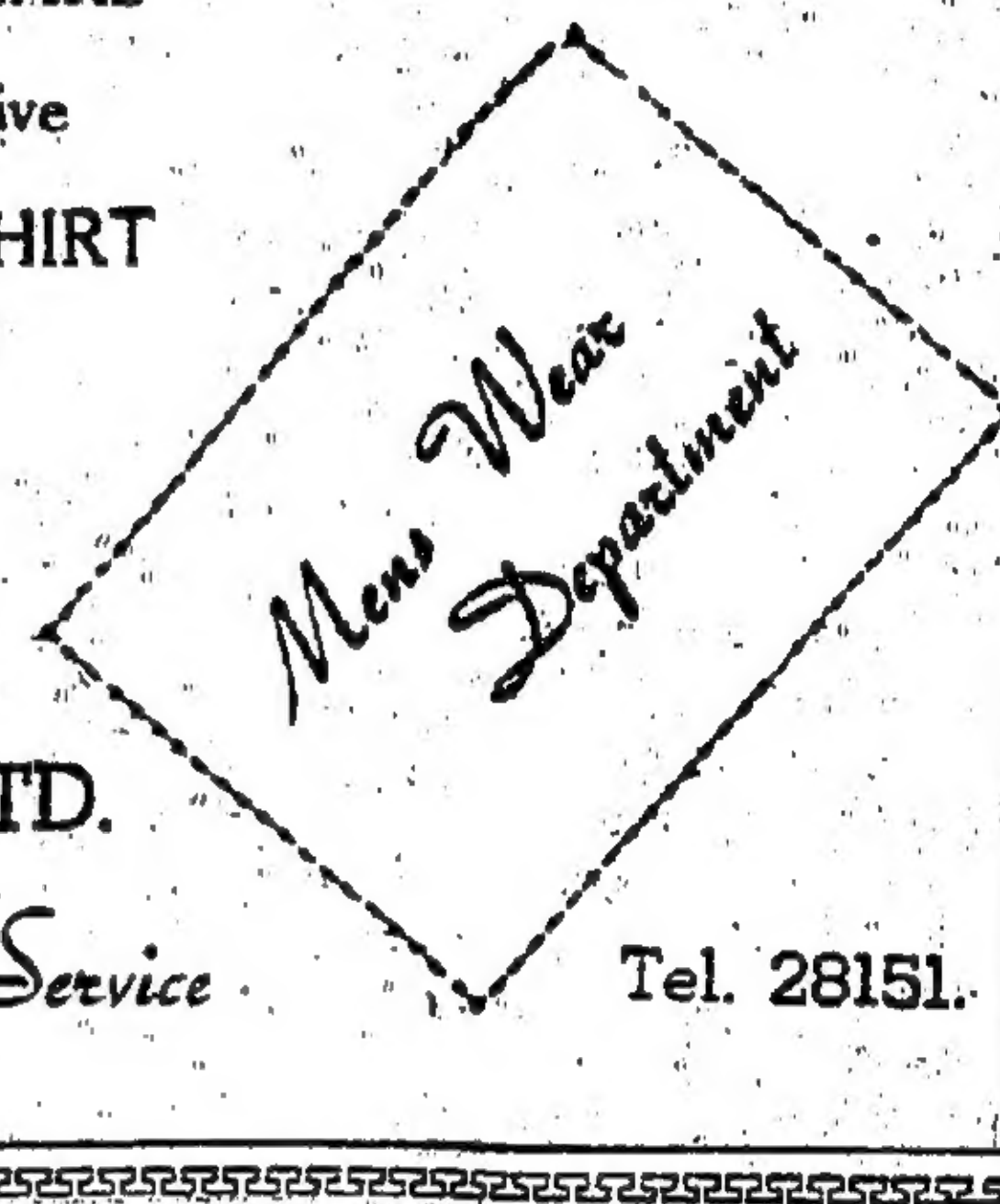
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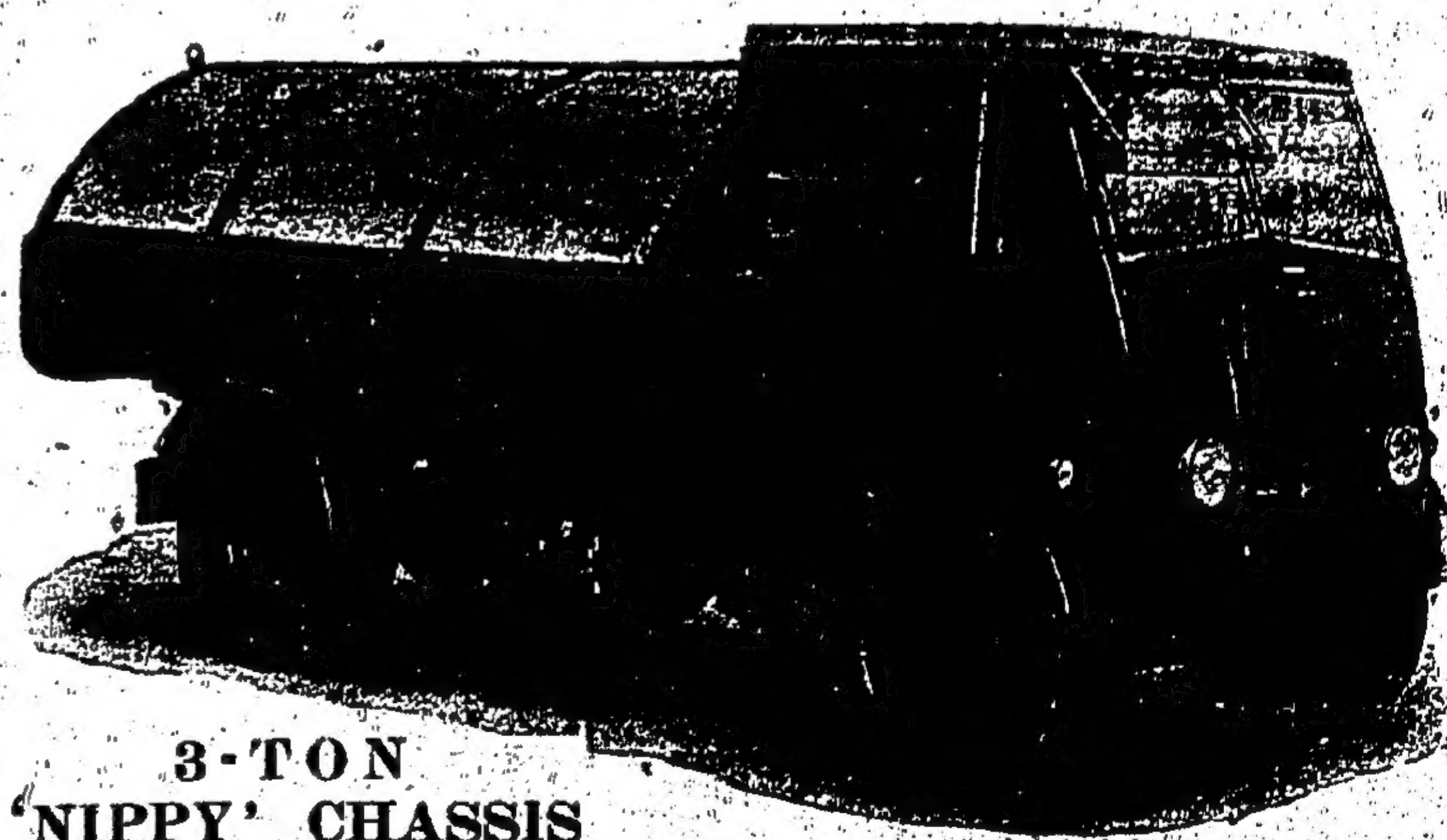
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GENERAL WAVELL'S SMASH WAY INTO SIDI BARRANI

Decisive Success For British Arms: Egypt Joyous Over Capture

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—NEWS OF THE CAPTURE OF SIDI BARRANI SUGGESTS THAT THE BRITISH ARMS HAVE SCORED A DECISIVE SUCCESS WHICH, IF FOLLOWED UP RESOLUTELY AND HARD, MAY HAVE TREMENDOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE MORALE OF THE ITALIANS AND ON THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN ITALY.

From bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination, says Reuter's military commentator, with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. The two must be considered together. At all points, the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results.

The success of the British around Sidi Barrani was the outcome of well-planned strategy.

British armoured forces first attacked the enemy's right flank and then forced their way to the rear while a fierce British frontal attack was launched against enemy positions at Matkila, 15 miles east of Sidi Barrani. This frontal attack was completely successful.

On finding themselves cut off from the rear the Italians became disorganised when attacked from all sides.

ENGLAND CHEERED

The capture of Sidi Barrani was announced at public places of entertainment throughout Cairo and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, the Egyptians raising cheers for England.

The press features the news on their front pages. The newspaper El Ahram uses for a headline a verse from the Koran: "Our possession is returned to us."

"Truly magnificent" was how a high Egyptian Government official described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to Reuter.

He said that the news would cause a sensation throughout

Continued Pressure

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play its part. Both heavy and light naval units are continually harassing the Italian communications by sea.

A tribute to Gen. Wavell has come from an unexpected source, says the London message. A day or two ago, a German paper stated that no surprise attacks were possible in this area by either side owing to territorial difficulties.

The fact the British forces have achieved the impossible is a tribute to the speed of the attack and the brilliance of the Staff work.

PRESS WARNING

The Press at home however, warns against jumping to conclusions about the extent of the British offensives. The view of the EXPRESS is that Signor Mussolini's complex structure of propaganda and lies has failed at the first test.

Italy has now become a problem to Hitler, and has considerably weakened the military prestige of the Axis.

In the meantime, the Italians are continuing their retreat in Albania and the Greeks are still pushing into the interior in the face of fierce Italian resistance.

The Italians launched a violent counter-attack yesterday but were repulsed with heavy losses.

A Greek communiqué says that nowhere are the Italians given any chance to organise lines of resistance.

HELLENIC TRADER RELEASED

The s.s. Hellenic Trader was released by the Japanese Navy on Wednesday evening after having been detained at Hoihow to "verify its nationality" for five days, according to the local agents.

The ship was scheduled to leave for Hongkong yesterday morning. Owing to her damaged condition she will not arrive in the Colony until tomorrow morning.

FORCES

GEN. SMUTS ON VICTORY

General Smuts, Premier of South Africa has also been speaking on the coming British victory, states a London message.

He told an audience that he is much more hopeful than a year ago—that Britain was immeasurably stronger and no longer on the defensive.

Lord applause greeted his remark. "I serve the country under which I suffered 40 years ago, but which has treated us as Christian people."

Gen. Smuts' chief opponent General Hertzog has now advised his followers to vote for the Smuts' Government candidate in the coming by-election.

SYRIA RESTIVE UNDER VICHY GOVT.

Many Gen. De Gaulle Supporters Arrested

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

While Italian Bersaglieri troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier, the steady extension of the Free French Movement and the increased feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for co-operation is reported to be finding widespread sympathy despite severe censorship, but it is understood that lack of strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrest of Free French sympathisers continues and supporters of the movement are being replaced by Vichy supporters.

SPORE REPRESENTATIVE

SINGAPORE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Evidence of the growing strength of the Free French Movement in the Far East is furnished by the appointment by General de Gaulle of a representative here.

He is M. Guy de Schompre, former consular official in Trentin.

SHANGHAI RICE PRICES FALLING

The rice price is still falling in Shanghai although some dealers are stating they have no stock for the purpose of extracting a snaw and illegally increasing the price, says Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS DEPEND ON PACIFIC

Latham Interviewed In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—SIR JOHN LATHAM, the first Australian Minister to Japan, held a Press conference here on his way to take up his post, and emphasised that Australia is purely European but her interests depend on the Pacific and cannot be indifferent to the changes there.

He considered that the interchange of Ministers with Japan is calculated to improve relations between the two countries. He understood that Japan is to make a reciprocal appointment in the near future.

Questioned whether an Australian Minister would also be appointed to China, he said that the matter has received consideration, but the outcome is not known.

In answering the questions he stated that he could see no legitimate reason for the non-maintenance of peace in the Pacific and added that a possibility existed of divergence of views with Great Britain on Pacific questions, but it was only a contingency as yet. He stated that Australia, in common with all other countries, except Japan only, received Consuls from the Chungking Government.

Although Australia was exporting much munitions, it was not likely that any was available for Chungking over the Burma Road, under the new British credit.

He emphasised that he will work in close co-operation with the British Ambassador in Tokyo.

Must Abolish Snobbery

Eton—on whose playing fields the Duke of Wellington said the Battle of Waterloo was won—has observed its 500th anniversary, and the editor of The Eton Chronicle saw fit to read to the pupils of that accepted symbol of British snobbery a lecture on its future.

"We are considered exclusive, self-satisfied and snobbish, and we do little by our actions to refute these charges," The Chronicle said. "Eton is forgetful that we are fighting for democracy and what democracy must imply. When this war is won we must not relax into our old isolationist prejudice, for prejudice is not the same thing as tradition. Tradition confirms prejudice and cramps opportunity. Eton must not be confined to Etonians alone."

CLASS SYSTEM

The youth who wrote the editorial may, of course, be ostracized by his schoolmates tomorrow. But the fact the newspaper of the school, which is the peak and symbol of the British class system, would so write is perhaps one indication of what is happening in Britain today.



Dr. F. L. Fung and his bride, formerly Miss Tse Sang-woo, photographed after their marriage at the Registry yesterday.—(King's Studio).

WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS CAREFULLY PLANNED AND SKILFULLY CARRIED OUT: R.A.F. & NAVAL SUPPORT

"The impartial critic must agree that the results so far obtained justify the opinion that the operations in the Western Desert must have been very carefully planned in detail by the G.O.C. and his staff and carried out with skill and daring by the troops concerned," said COL. HAROLD STEVENS, D.S.O., former Military Attache in Rome, when he spoke in London yesterday on the background to the success which the British forces have scored in North Africa.

Col. Stevens said that, knowing the stiff their troops were made of, they could well realise that their spirit must have been excellent, notwithstanding the ups and downs of a soldier's life. These troops had been waiting and working for months and must have been only too eager to show their mettle in action. The reputation of their Commander-in-Chief in Egypt was a guarantee of their spirit.

ITALIANS' OVER CONFIDENCE

"It may be," went on Col. Stevens, "that the Italian Commander-in-Chief and his staff have been over confident about their strength. It may also be that the long period of idle waiting had made some of the enemy troops slack and generally fed-up, while the offensive spirit of our own troops had been steadily increasing."

"This gave our soldiers confidence in themselves and in their leaders. It must be remembered that operations over 70 or 80 miles of desert have many difficulties, chief of which are that any movements would give the show away to the enemy and, in such circumstances, the advance of our troops could not take the enemy by surprise."

"Security was essential to these operations and it shows that the Italian air force was unable to put a stop to the work done by the R.A.F. in the primary air operations which have proved so invaluable to our troops. The early attacks of the R.A.F. were directed against aerodromes on the frontier between Libya and Egypt and havoc was caused to the Italians' main air force centre which lies to the west of Sidi Barrani which have all had on the present operations an influence, the value of which can hardly be exaggerated."

Col. Stevens paid a tribute to the brilliant tactical co-operation which the R.A.F. had given in the operations now in progress, which he said, went to show that they had benefited from the lessons learned from the Germans in France.

The speaker next turned to the Italian position. He said that when Marshal Graziani moved his forces to Sidi Barrani he must have felt that it was an objective of some value to justify such

BRITAIN ACCUMULATING PLANES FOR A RETURN "BLITZ" IN SPRING

LONDON, Nov. 29.—American-built fighters and bombers already in restricted use by the Royal Air Force will be relied upon for an important role in Great Britain's own aerial blitzkrieg which is promised to break over Germany some day several months hence, it was reliably stated today.

The present RAF raids, although increasing in scope each week, are said to be only a curtain-raiser to the real offensive which new heavy bombers and long-range fighters will bring into the realm of possibility.

The weather and the demands of production and training schedules will probably delay the offensive throughout winter, and the best bet hereabouts is that some balmy spring night will see it start.

Particularly in the case of the latter, German designers seemed to have relied primarily on speed for defence.

It is realised here that Germany undoubtedly has obtained new, improved planes from her assembly lines, but it is also believed that Germany's entire aviation industry would be a colossal task.

Englishmen think they are able to keep a qualitative edge while slowly closing the gap in numbers of aircraft.

SOVIET UNION AND BULGARIA

Passage Of German Troops To Greece

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—If Bulgaria grants free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian seaports of Varna and Varna, the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Sobolev, told King Boris during a recent visit to Sofia, writes the Istanbul Correspondent of the Free French agency.

King Boris confirmed to M. Sobolev that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite pact, but the King had avoided a direct reply, asking Bulgarian adhesion dependent on the adhesion of the Soviet Union.

German propaganda, says the correspondent, was immediately distributed in numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union. The Bulgarian Police established that the pamphlets originated from the propaganda section of the German Legation.

British experience against the Luftwaffe seemed to indicate that quality to a large extent should be preferable to quantity. British experience has also shown that the three most important qualities of a military plane are armament, manoeuvrability, and speed, in that order.

LORD LOTHIAN DEAD

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Franchise Committee which went to India to advise on the nature of electoral constituencies under the federation scheme.

On a visit to India in 1938 he had talks with Gandhi in which he expressed the view that federation was the greatest boon lying within the Indian grasp.

Lord Lothian was a frequent contributor to the press, notably the Round Table, the London Observer, and the Christian Science Monitor.

Lord Lothian's heir presumptive is his cousin, Peter Francis Walter Kerr, who is 18 years of age.

The late Lord Lothian, who was the 11th Marquess and succeeded his cousin in 1930, was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in 1931 and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the India Office 1931-32.

The death occurred on Dec. 5, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Carol Vivien, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gazeley. The funeral (cremation) service was held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel, on Dec. 7.

TANGIER ISSUE DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

GOVT. WATCHING SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British Government's watchfulness on the situation at Tangier where the Spanish authorities have taken over the administration, was again made apparent in answers to questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated that the two Italian submarines which arrived in Tangier some weeks ago are not yet in a sea-worthy state and the Spanish Government has given them a further period to complete repairs.

In the meantime, the British Ambassador has put the British case regarding Tangier in a very strong and definite light to the Spanish Government.

Dealing with a suggestion that the Spanish authorities are erecting permanent fortifications at Tangier, Mr. Butler said that his information did not indicate such a development.

The British Government is watching the situation very closely. Mr. Butler stated that there has been no doubt as to the importance attached to the question.

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A QUANTITY OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

and

3 Bed Room Suites
2 Radio Sets
1 Enamelled Bath
1 "G. E." Refrigerator
1 Upright Piano by "Moutrie"
1 Upright Piano by "Allison"

On View from Thursday, the 12th December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Saturday, the 14th December, 1940
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSE FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Monday, the 16th December, 1940
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A Fine Assortment of Dressed Dolls, Wooden and Mechanical Toys, Furniture, Tea Sets, Balloons and Sundries.

also

Electrical Toys

On View on Day of Sale.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 13th December, 1940
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Godown No. 2, Wood Road, Basement.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES

also

1 Bundle Old Tyres
1 Bale Old Newspapers
2 Cases Goument Powder
1 Drum Powder
1 Mat Bag Bamboo Leaf
2 Bales Chinese Medicine
1 Tub Chinese Medicine
121 Pieces Old Rubber Tyres
1 Box Tinplate
1 Bale Straw Board Paper

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Tuesday, the 17th December, 1940
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con-naught Road, Central, Second Floor.

A FINE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN JAPANESE S.M.C.

The death of a puppet Chinese policeman last Sunday night was the cause of another Japanese-S.M.C. incident, according to a Shanghai dispatch. The policeman was killed while attempting to board a running car on Edinburgh Road, but the Japanese charged that his death was caused by the shooting of S.M.P. constables.

Shortly after the incident occurred, a squad of Chinese constables headed by a foreign detective arrived on the scene to make an investigation. They were immediately surrounded by a large party of Japanese gendarmes and, after being disarmed, taken to the Japanese Gendarmes Headquarters on Jessfield Road. The foreign detective was slapped, while the Chinese constables were detained for several hours. They were subsequently released through the intervention of the S.M.P. Police Headquarters.

Major K.M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, has reported the case to the Shanghai Municipal Council. It is understood that a strong protest will be lodged by the Council with the Japanese authorities. (Central News).

SIR JOHN LATHAM IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Sir John Latham, Australian Minister to Japan, and his party, including Mr. S.P.C. Turnbull, Associated Press representative, who is spending a bureau in Tokyo, arrived here today. They are leaving for Tokyo on Saturday.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

AMERICAN JUMPS BALL.
Paul Malone, 42, merchant, of Boston, U.S.A., and residing at the Hongkong Hotel, was charged before Mr. T. J. Gould yesterday with being an alien, an American subject, and failing to report his arrival in the Colony within 48 hours.

Defendant did not appear in court and his bail of \$50 was estreated by the Magistrate.

Sgt. J. Headridge, of the Special Branch, said that defendant arrived from Manila on holiday.

POSSESSION OF WARD

Charged before Mr. Gould yesterday with bringing into the Colony Ho So-mul, alias Lai Ping, 18 years, a ward of the S.C.A., on or about Oct. 1 and failing to give notice within one week, Ho Kan, 58, superintendent, of No. 82, Staunton Street, second floor, was fined \$20.

Insp. W. A. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that on Nov. 10 the girl went to the Central Police Station and made a complaint that she was being ill-treated by the defendant.

The girl had told the Police that she was presented to defendant when eight years old for the sum of \$80. She was brought to Hongkong during 1939 and since then had various jobs as a domestic servant.

The defendant had demanded from the girl \$80 before she would allow the girl to leave her.

Defendant, said Insp. Fraser, had denied that she ill-treated the girl and no marks had been found on the girl.

PAWNEE FUR COATS

"I went to complainant to ask for my wages but I was delayed and as I was hard pressed for money to maintain my shop I pawned the fur coats," stated Pun Kan-fook, 39, fur coat maker, who was charged before Mr. Gould yesterday on two counts of illegal pawning.

Pun was charged with illegally pawning a fox fur coat and another fur coat on Dec. 6 and 10, respectively, the properties of Mr. C. E. Dalmida, of the Stock Exchange Building.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers said that the defendant was given eight fur coats altogether by the complainant to be made. The total charge for workmanship was \$88 and defendant was given \$40 in advance, the balance to be paid on completion of the work.

The coats which pawned by defendant for \$11 were valued at \$150.

Fine of \$20 or, in default, 21 days' imprisonment was imposed.

PHOTOGRAPHERS IN TROUBLE

Pleading guilty to breaches of the Defence Regulations, namely, possession of cameras without a permit at Blake Pier on Dec. 12, two photographers, Cheng Ngok-shing, 22, of No. 38 Queen's Road Central, first floor, and Tang Shum, 27, of No. 68 Wellington Street, ground floor, were each fined \$15 by Mr. Gould yesterday.

Sub-Insp. Whelan said that the defendants were found at 7.45 a.m. yesterday morning, each in possession of a camera. When questioned the defendants stated that they were waiting for the committee of the South China College who were due to arrive from the Straits Settlements.

Insp. Whelan added that both defendants being employed in well-known photographer's shops should be aware of the regulations.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Found loitering in the second floor of Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, on Wednesday an unemployed Chinese, Shek Wah, 29, was charged before Mr. Gould yesterday with being found in the premises for an unlawful purpose.

Det.-Sgt. J. E. Sykes said that the office in question was occupied by the Secretary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels. At about 12.40 p.m. the Secretary went out for about five minutes and when she came back she found defendant, who had his hand in a drawer in the office. She raised the alarm and defendant was arrested.

Defendant, who had three previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Sgt. Sykes said that defendant was under Police supervision which was due to expire, in Jan. next year. Defendant was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for another year.

AT KOWLOON

CONSPIRACY CASE

Hearing of the case in which Kwok Yuk-ping, married woman, and Yuen Yu-cheung were charged with conspiracy to defraud an actress, Chan Sin-yu, of \$1,000, was continued yesterday before Mr. Macfadyen.

Giving evidence, the actress alleged that after realising that she had been victimised, she called up the first defendant and went with her to the Eastern Cafe and asked her to give the money back. The defendant replied that the second accused was the "head man" of the scheme and that witness could get the money from him.

Witness also alleged that in the tenth game of gambling with the wealthy man two friends of the first defendant helped to take out a bean under the cover so that they lost the money to the rich individual.

After further evidence, the second defendant was discharged there being no evidence against him. First defendant was remanded until tomorrow morning and was granted \$100 bail.

EMBEZZLED \$826

Charged with embezzlement of \$826.21 Hongkong currency from the Tai Cheung shop, between July 19 and Dec. 4, a salesman, Cheng Hok-sing, 33, was sentenced by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday to a month in prison and ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the complainant or to serve another month's gaol.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope prosecuted.

UNEMPLOYED REMANDED

Tam Pui, 22, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with breaking into No. 64, Fa Yuen Street and stealing \$100.75, \$179 Chinese currency, a wrist watch and a quantity of clothing.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin asked for a remand of 48 hours which was granted.

THREATS ALLEGED

Alleged to have threatened three men with intent to force them to join the Cheung Lok and Fui Fu societies, Wong Lung, 25, Wan Wan-sai, 31, and Hui Cheung, 31, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday and were remanded for 24 hours.

TRAFFIC CASES

Capt. H. L. Reeves, R. E., Whitefield Barracks, was summoned before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for failing to drive on the left side of Salisbury Road and was cautioned.

S. Mullins, residing at Chard-haven Hotel, was summoned, following an accident, for driving without a valid licence at Castle Peak Road on Nov. 18. The defendant was fined \$10.

D. O. SOUTH

POSSESSION OF OPIUM

A fine of \$500, or f. v. months hard labour in lieu thereof, was imposed on Cheng Ching Sau when he pleaded guilty, before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday, to the charge of possession of six tins of prepared non-Government opium at Fan Kwai Tong village, Tai O, on Dec. 11.

The opium was ordered to be confiscated.

BOAT FOKI FINED

For possessing six and one-half pounds of dutiable Chinese tobacco on Dec. 11, Ng Pook, a boat foki of Cheung Chau, was fined \$120, or two months' hard labour in default, by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday.

His Worship also ordered the confiscation of the tobacco.

WILD TREE WOOD

Wong Ting and Mak Hing, unemployed, were cautioned by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday when they pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of 70 catties and 97 catties of wild tree wood, respectively, at Castle Peak Road, near Chai Wan Kok village, Tsun Wan, on Dec. 10.

GAMBLERS IN COURTS

Leung Hung, and five other unemployed Chinese males were charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with gambling at Chung On Street, Tsun Wan, on Dec. 10.

Four of the defendants, including Leung, failed to appear and had their bail of \$3 each, estreated, while the other two were fined \$8 each.

The sum of \$147 table money was ordered to be placed into the Poor Box.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Central.—137 Chan Kwong-cheung, 232 Miss Chiu Kitching, 234 Miss Chiu May-yuk, 2914 Ho Hai-ching, 2945 Kwong Tse-sang, 2948 Lam Ying-kit, 2947 Miss Law Sul-ying, 2948 Lee Sit-wah, 2949 Ling Ping-wun, 2950 Lui Sin-yue, 2951 Mak Ping-wal, 2953 Tang Ming-tai, 2954 To Ka-chee, 2955 To Sul-bun, 2956 Wan Pok-hing, 2957 Wong Nung-tai, 2959 Yeung King-ming, 230 Miss Choy Lan-fong, 2776 Mok Hou-kwong, 2831 So Hing-kit, 2834 To Ho-kui, 411 Wong Man-kai, 2773 Yeung Cheong-hoi, 2965 Lam Che-ming, 136 Miss Chan Chee-ying, Western.—2974 Chew Tsai-cheung, 2978 Chung Chan, 2977 Fong Chun-wing, 2981 Lam Chong-to, 2982 Lam Yee-kong, 2983 Lee Sin-po, 2984 Miss Leung Yun-shung, 2985 Li Chiu-hing, 2986 Li Kwong-huen, 2987 Li Yeh-chiu, 2988 Lui Sai-ngon, 2989 Ma Ser-tai, 2990 Miss Tam Lai-lan, 2991 Tam Tak-cheung, 2992 Tse Kail-kwong, 2482 Ho Sung-hai, 2992 Tsui Hing-wah, 2750 Wong Por, 2992 Fung Hon-wah, Upper Levels.—315 Chan Wing-ki, 2789 Miss Cheung Ping-ping, 2983 Miss Q. Fung, 2989 Miss Mak Sin-wan, 2971 Wong Chi-ching, 2972 Wong Kwok-wing, 2973 Wong Yun-lam, 1798 Ho Ming-tong, Bay View.—2994 Miss Lai Yuet-tong, Quarry Bay.—3043 Miss Yu King-wa, 2995 Miss Ng So-so, Eastern.—840 Miss Chan Chang-yat, 913 Chan Wai-lam, 2919 Chiu Chi-chiu, 2920 Chu Sik-lun, 2921 Chun Sal-tai, 2922 Ho To-cheung, 2923 Ip King-chung, 2924 Kam Wan-shak, 2925 Kwai Kit-chor, 2926 Miss Lam King-hung, 2927 Lau Man-ho, 2928 Miss Law Kit-lan, 2929 Lo Kwok-chung, 2932 Ling King-luen, 2934 To Yuk-king, 2935 To Yuk-shing, 2938 Wong Chun-mook, 2939 Yeung Po-foon, 2941 Miss Yu Mui-lin, 2951 Lai Tse-leung, 2955 Mak Pong-chow, 3041 Yau Yiu-fong, 3042 Miss Lai Kam-luen, Shamshuipo.—2895 Chow Chun-wai, 1734 Lau Siu-yee, 2998 Leung Lai-sang, 2997 Wong King-kwong, 2767 Wong Kwan-mow, 2755 Miss Yau Shui-yung, 2758 Lee Shu-tong, Mongkok.—2770 Chow Ching-lung, 2991 Ho Ping-ki, 2992 Lo Yim, Yau-mat.—2998 E. L. Costa, 2999 M. E. Xavier, Kowloon City.—2603 A. J. Kew, Yimshatui.—2990 C. D. Asado, 2901 R. J. Barnes, 2902 J. C. Barrett, 2904 A. W. Ingram, 2779 M. E. Lee, 2906 Mrs. Y. Milner, 2907 Miss B. Remedios.

The following have qualified as A.R.P. Telephonists and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Central.—(T) 604 Cheuk Bing-lum, (T) 2960 A. Yung, Western.—(T) 2978 Kam Muk-lam, (T) 2979 Kwong Ying-tun, (T) 2980 Miss N. Kwok, Upper Levels.—(T) 2984 Miss S. Hyndman, (T) 2970 Miss F. Tong, Gough Hill Division.—(T) 1519 Mrs. A. Sharp, Quarry Bay.—(T) 2972 Miss E. Lee, (T) 2986 Miss J. Taylor, Headquarters.—(T) 2997 Miss E. R. Cockburn, (T) 2998 Miss D. H. Eardley, Eastern.—(T) 878 Chan Kam-wing, (T) 2925 Cheung Yau-tong, (T) 2929 Leong Hew-wan, (T) 2931 Lui Yip-shun, (T) 2933 Miss S. Salleh, (T) 2936 Miss J. Tong, Yau-mat.—(T) 2908 Mak Chak-lam.

SECTOR EXERCISES

Upper Levels—Sector Exercises will be held in Sectors Nos. 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28 District "B" on Dec. 15, at 10.30 hrs.

NOTICE

Attention is drawn to the fact that some Officers have not yet completed with the request in Order No. 48 to supply information regarding their private cars.

AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE

The Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, publishes the following for the information of all concerned:— Appointment.—Station Officer J. W. Woollard, Hongkong Fire Brigade, is appointed Supervisor and Training Officer of the A.P.S. with effect from Dec. 9.

Notice.—Twenty-four volunteer telephonists are required for the A.P.S. Applications should be sent to the Superintendent, A.P.S., Central Fire Station, Hongkong.

(Sgd.) B. H. FUCKLE

Deputy Director of A.R.P.

BLOCKADE RUNNER

INTERCEPTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The German steamer Rhein which left Tampico, Mexico, 12 days ago to run the British blockade has been intercepted by a Dutch warship somewhere in the western Atlantic, according to an informed source here.

It is added that the ship was seen aboard the Rhein as the warship closed in but it is not known whether she was subsequently sunk or captured.

CANADIAN AIR ACE

IN LIBYA

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A Canadian air ace is leading the R.A.F. squadrons which have completely dominated the air over the operations in the Western Desert. He is Air Commodore Raymond Collingshaw who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war.

FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT
GIVE HER A
RODEX OR JAEGER COAT

SMART SELECTION

IN

LLAMOVEL

AND

WOOL AND CASHMERE

BROWN, GREEN, NAVY, FAWN

AND

BLACK.

LADIES' SALON

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Story Of Man's Secret Love For Landlady

An extraordinary story of a young man's love for his landlady, who treated him like a son, lay behind an apparently motiveless case of woundings. It was revealed at the Old Bailey.

The man in the dock, James Forsyth, 27, fitter, of Bond-street, Ealing, W., whose home address was given as Trinity-street, Barry, South Wales, was found guilty of maliciously wounding Miss Mary Foley, a young nurse.

Sentence was postponed, Judge Beazley telling him:—

"You might have killed this girl. Do not think I am going to bind you over next sessions. I certainly am not, but I am trying to find out what is the best thing to do with you."

A War Reserve policeman told the Court that he heard shouts at 7.30 a.m. on Aug. 21, and saw the terrified face of a girl at a window in Bond-street, Ealing.

Blood was streaming over her face. She was screaming for help.

Unable to enter the house by the front door he went to the next house, and, climbing to the roof, made his way over it to a room, where he found Nurse Foley, who had been seriously wounded on the head. A heavy spanner lay on her bed.

Nurse Foley, a pretty brunette described how Forsyth, who was practically unknown to her, although a fellow-lodger, entered her bedroom and repeatedly struck her on the head with a spanner.

"I have no idea why Forsyth attacked me," she said.

It was at this point that the prosecution made the extraordinary allegation that Forsyth had fallen in love with his landlady, Mrs. Stinton, and had conceived the plan of first stunning Nurse Foley, whom he knew as "Christie," then murdering Mrs. Stinton, and afterwards committing suicide.

Det.-Insp. Percy Norman alleged that Forsyth, after his arrest, made the following statement:— "I have lived with Mrs. Stinton as a lodger since two years last February."

Since Mr. Stinton died about a year ago I have fallen in love with Mrs. Stinton. She has never been in any way intimate with me, and is a good woman. She used to torment me about marrying her and I took it seriously.

"BRAINSTORM"

I left just before 7 o'clock to go to work, and I must have had a brainstorm, for I decided to do Mrs. Stinton and myself in.

I went back to the house from Ealing Station and went to my bedroom, and got the spanner. I knew that "Christie" was staying in the house and got up late, as she had been ill, so I decided to stun her while I killed Mrs. Stinton with the spanner and then gassed myself.

I was so much in love with her that I felt I could not live without her.

I went into the girl's bedroom and hit her several times with the spanner. She screamed, and I got

panicky and bolted. I knew Mrs. Stinton would come in about eight in the morning, but as I had done this to "Christie" and had the wind up, I just ran away.

"I would like to add," said Insp. Norman, "that there was no real preparation on the part of Mrs. Stinton."

"She has a son of her own, with whom Forsyth shared a room. She treated him as she would a son, and, indeed, Forsyth called her 'Mother'."

"In letters I have seen written by him since he was arrested he still addresses her as 'Mother'."

"Forsyth is a man of good character, and latterly has been earning up to £8 a week as a fitter."

"He has been moody and depressed lately."

When asked what he had to say to his defence, Forsyth replied: "I was in a state of mental depression. I hardly knew what I was doing. Now it is too late, I am sorry for what has happened."

ACCUSED

JUDGE

DROWNED

Two duck hunters found the body of Common Pleas Judge Robert E. Sage on an island in the Detroit River. Judge Sage had drowned and the body had been washed ashore.

Finance and Commerce

WAR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

NEW SCHEME FOR COMPENSATION

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — Under the new scheme for compensation for war damage to property, announced in London yesterday, the rate of contribution on buildings and immovable property will be 2/- per pound sterling of rateable value or value at which property is assessed for income tax purposes for five years.

The difference between these two is slight.

According to a calculation made by one of London's leading insurance experts for Reuters, the contribution represents the payment of 2½ per cent. of the net capital value of property.

Thus, on property with a net capital value of £1,000, the rateable value would be about £50.

Two shillings in the pound on the latter sum gives a total small payment of £5 and of £25 during five years.

This represents 2½ per cent. of the net capital value but it is emphasised that this contribution entitles the property owner to compensation for any damage suffered from the beginning of the war until the end of August, 1941 — a period of two years.

BRITISH EXCHEQUER PARADOX

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — British Exchequer returns for the last week, up to Dec. 7, reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to the record high level of £110 millions but the expenditure of supply services (largely for war necessities) was nearly £10 millions below the previous week at £80.5 millions.

The high record reached by total expenditure was, therefore, due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on stocks amounting to a large sum were made.

The total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over £10 millions last week to nearly £24 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to £86 millions.

BIG U.S. LOAN TO ARGENTINA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — The United States is lending \$60,000,000 to Argentina and \$7,500,000 to Uruguay, announced Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, in Washington yesterday.

CHINESE ENGINEERS MEETING

A galaxy of the nation's leading engineers gathered in Chengtu yesterday when the ninth annual meeting of the Chinese Engineers' Society was held.

Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education and chairman of the Society, Mr. Ku Yu-chuan, chief executive, and Mr. Hsu Ying-tang, chairman of the Chungking branch of the Society, attended.

Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, and Mr. Ku Yu-shu, Vice-Minister of Education, were expected to be present also.

Discussions during the meeting, it is understood, centred on the industrial plans laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and the decisions will be forwarded to the Central authorities for reference. More than 50 theses were read. (Central News).

BURMA ROAD LINK WITH INNER TIBET

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — A new highway directly linking the Burma Road with Sikong (Inner Tibet) is now under construction.

Meanwhile construction is also under way on a road near the Yunnan-Burma Railway as well as on the Yunnan-Szechuen Railway which were both started last year.

The Yunnan-Burma Railway engineering office in Kunming is entrusted with the surveying and building of the new highway.

The preliminary road bed is expected to be completed before April 30, 1941.

STRONGER BRIDGES

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11 (Reuters) — Plans for widening the road and strengthening the bridges of the Burma highway have been mapped out by the Ministry of Communications, to facilitate the shipment of war supplies to China, states the Chinese Press.

Plans are based so that a minimum of 600 tons of goods can be transported and all bridges can permit a minimum of ten tons of goods in one transit by trucks. The plans will be immediately put into effect.

Meanwhile the Yunnan Provincial Government has ordered a general improvement of the road between the Kunming and Leping sectors and the completion of this work is scheduled for April, 1941.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market was less active today, trading being on a smaller scale.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Wharves, \$92.
Providents, \$5.50.
Hotels, \$3.45.
Lands, \$33.50.
Humphreys, \$7.75.
Trams, \$17.50.
Star Ferries, \$59.50.
Lights (N), C.D. \$7.10.
Electric (O), \$40.
Cements, \$18.10.
Watsons, \$10.25.
Entertainments, \$7.
Constructions, \$1.50.

SELLERS
Cements, \$18.50.
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

SALES
H.K. Banks, \$1365.
Docks (O), \$18.
Providents, \$5.50.
Watsons, \$10.50.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1940.

SALES
H.K. Banks 10 \$1,365.00
Cements 200 18.10
China Providents 1,500 5.50
Dairy Farms 50 19.25
H.K. Docks (O) 100 18.00
H.K. Docks (O) 200 17.90
H.K. Hotels 800 3.60
A.E. Watsons 1,600 10.50
Union Ins. 5 392.50

The total value is \$43,488.00

BIG PROGRAMME URGED ON PHILIPPINES BY AIR BUREAU

Establishment of an aircraft factory and a central national airport in Manila and setting up of a civilian pilot training programme are some of the recommendations made by Captain R. Fernando, Director of the Bureau of Aeronautics, in his annual report submitted to the Secretary of National Defense, writes Alfonso Denoga in the Manila Bulletin.

Stressing the importance of a training programme in connection with the aerial defense of the Philippines, Captain Fernando said the main drawback in the civilian flying activities in the Philippines is the high cost of flying instruction offered by local private aviation schools. If private individuals are left financially unaided in the pursuit of their interest in aviation, even in the distant future only few Filipinos would become air-minded, according to his report.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

He said all countries of the world have adopted a civilian pilot training programme whereby physically able young men and women inclined to flying are given chances to fly at government expense. He said the vast supply of pilots and skilled ground force of the German war machine is due to such a scheme started long before the present war, and the United States is spending an enormous amount in its five-year civilian pilot training programme solely for the purpose of training civilian pilots who may be called at a moment's notice for military purposes. Citing other advantages of such a programme, he said:

"The programme has further made light plane manufacturing one of the leading industries today in the United States. It has created employment for pilots and mechanics both in private flying and in the airlines.

"A similar programme for the Philippines would develop the capabilities of Filipinos in

interested in aviation and create a reservoir of civilian Filipino pilots for military purposes as well as for the use of the airline companies, all of whose pilots are American."

NATIONAL AIRPORT NEEDED

He said the dire need of a central national airport has long been felt. Several sites have been surveyed and found adequate if developed by the bureau but sufficient funds have not been set aside.

"It is believed," he said, "that Manila with its cosmopolitan population and its strategic position in the cross-roads of Far Eastern air commerce, would be greatly benefited by the construction of such an airport. The local airline companies and private operators would thus eliminate from their cost of operation excessive hangar rentals and airport administration by availing themselves of the use of the central national airport."

A DRAWBACK

Another drawback in the progress of civilian aviation in the Philippines is the cost of physical examination required of applicants for airplane pilots' licenses. He recommended that the privilege of free physical instruction given by the Philippine Army to applicants for flying training also be extended to civilian pilots. If PA flight surgeons are not available, he urged that the bureau be provided with its own flight surgeon who will give free physical examinations.

Still another drawback is the difficulty that most Filipino airplane pilots holding private and commercial licenses find in renewing their licenses due to the high cost of the minimum flying time they are required to make before their licenses can be renewed. A private pilot is required to fly not less than 15 hours each year, or P.225 a year, at a minimum cost of P.15 per hour. He recommended that actual expenses incurred by them in making the required flying time for renewal of their licenses be refunded by the government.

LIGHTER WORK IN THE DARK ROOM

A new photographic paper produced by a British firm is likely to revolutionise printing room technique.

All amateur photographers know that when pictures are being printed from a weak negative, a specially vigorous paper is required. If the negative is bold in contrasts of light and shade, then a specially soft paper is necessary.

The matching of paper with negative is so important that some hands of paper are made in as many as seven degrees of contrast. Now, thanks to the discovery all the photographer needs is one grade of paper called multigrade which is capable of yielding prints of any degree of contrast.

This all-purpose print does not depend for its effectiveness on any manipulative skill. All that is required is to place an appropriate colour filter in front of the light used for exposing. Now a photographer, instead of deciding what particular type of paper is best for his negative, will be able to take the one brand and produce the precise effect he is seeking merely by the use of a colour filter.

When a year ago one of the firm's representatives left for South America, he took stocks of this new product with him, actually before the new technique was announced at home.

Detained Chinese Goods In Indo-China

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — The Chungking Foreign Ministry has protested to Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, upon the receipt of reports that he had issued instructions to the French Customs authorities to dispose of detained Chinese goods by public auction, says the Chengyienpao.

America To Control Export Of Iron

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — President Roosevelt yesterday ordered iron ore, pig iron, ferro alloys and "certain iron and steel manufactures and semi-manufactures" to be put under the export licence control owing to the increase of national defence requirements.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS

NO. 4 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne
1 " Black & White Whisky
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
1 " Courvoisier Three Star Brandy
1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry
1 " Hunt's Full Rich Port
1 " Pommard Burgundy
1 " Sauterne White Wine
1 " Gordon's Sloe Gin
1 pint Gordon's Creme de Menthe

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He urged that funds be provided for research and experimentation to determine the feasibility of using local materials in the construction of airplanes and also for the establishment of an aircraft factory which may utilize such materials.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — Traffic over the north-western highway between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the Tsung Tiao Ching China communications quarters.

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DECEMBER 12, 1940

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Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 3/0
On Singapore:—
On demand 59 3/4
On India:—
On demand 101
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 33 3/8
Credits, 60 days sight 34 1/8
On Japan:—
On demand 43 3/4
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months sight Nom.
On Saigon:—
On demand 101 1/8
On Manila:—
On demand 46 3/4
On Bangkok:—
On demand 148
On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 32 7/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA-BROS.

Thursday, Dec. 12.

Silver prices dropped 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 22 7/8 for Ready and 22 13/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being quiet with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 1/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 40 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 40 1/2.

MARKET

Dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December-January, buyers at 1/3-1/32 for Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 23 5/8 Cash buyers at 23 11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 397, buyers at 397 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 349/64 and closed a shade steeper with sellers at 325/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 515/16 and closed with sellers at 531/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was dull in the afternoon. No business was reported.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 23 11/16 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 5/8 Cash, buyers at 23 11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

397 1/2 sellers.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 349/64 and U. S. Dollars at 515/16, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 12 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-11/16	0/3-11/16
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	24-3/8	24-3/8
India	20-3/8 N	20-3/8 N
Hongkong	24-1/2	24-1/2

Sterling

Sellers

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-49/64	0/3-49/64
Dec.	0/3-49/64	0/3-49/64
Jan.	0/3-49/64	0/3-49/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot

	Opening	Closing
Spot	5-15/16	5-15/16
Dec.	5-15/16	5-15/16
Jan.	5-15/16	5-15/16

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 2 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-0-0.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	Dec. 11	Change
Close buyers	38-3/4	38-5/8	off 3/8
Close buyers	38-1/4	38	off 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	37	36-3/4	off 1/4

The market was dull.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous	Dec. 11	Change
Close buyers	11-15/16	12	up 1/16
Close buyers	12-1/16	12-1/8	up 1/16
JANUARY	12-3/16	12-3/16	unch.
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	12-3/16	up 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/8	12-3/16	up 1/16

After improving on trade buying, covering and scarcity of buyers, the market ruled steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: Bombay interests are reported to be selling. The possibility of new farm legislation at the next session of congress is an unsettling factor. Trade buying on the scale down failed to absorb scattered liquidation.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The market is reflecting freer shipment offerings.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Prices were easier on reports of favourable growing conditions in the South-West.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 131.37; Today's close, 131.76; Change up 39.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev.	Today's	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.19	10.14	10.20	10.14	.06 off
New York Rubber, March	20.48	20.44	20.55	20.44	.11 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	60 1/2	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	1 off
New York Hides, March	12.74	12.41	12.52	12.41	.16 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
Dec. (New contract)	10.16/17	10.12/12	10.10/11	.06 off
January	10.07/07	unquoted	10.03 N	.04 off
March	10.16/17	10.16/17	10.14/15	.08 off
May	10.11/11	10.08/09	10.06/06	.05 off
July	9.94 N	9.89/90	9.86/86	.08 off
October	9.38 N	9.32/32	9.30/30	.08 off
Spot	10.17 N		10.11 N	.06 off

Total sales Tuesday:—38,200 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	20.74b	unquoted	20.65b	.09 off
March	20.55/55	20.40b/55a	20.44b/45a	.11 off
May	20.24b	20.15b/30a	20.23b/25a	.11 off
July (New contract)	20.14b	20.15a	20.05b	.09 off

Total sales:—490 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 off
July	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	1 off

Tuesday's sales:—3,197,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1 off
July	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.52b	12.50/41	12.68b/73a	.16 up
June	12.28/28	12.25b/29a	12.53/53	.25 up

Total sales for the day:—108 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	
403-1/2	403-1/2	403-1/2	403-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 11.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red. after 1952)	102 1/2
Defence Loan, 3 1/2	101 1/2
London-K'loon Rly. 5 1/2	13
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5 1/2 Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5 1/2 Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8 1/2 Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5 1/2 Loan	47
London Rly. 5 1/2	16 1/2
Hukuang Rly. 5 1/2, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5 1/2, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung T'ing & U. Hai Rly. 5 1/2, 1913	14
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (German Stnd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 6 1/2 Ster. Loan, 1924	30 1/2
Ger. 7 1/2 Intl. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	7 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	7 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	80
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16/3
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, 2 1/2, "G"	10 1/2

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 4256-5/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 4259-7/8.

Market steady.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON, SILVER

London, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Silver—Selling by speculators in the absence of support. Business limited. Market quiet. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet, with no business.

Spot, 22-7/8.

Forward, 22-13/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Market—Quiet. Offtake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 60-09

Dec. 27 Settlement 60-08

Jan. 22 Settlement 60-07

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

Pekin Syndicate

2/-

S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 15/-

S'hai Waterworks "A" 13 1/2

Union Insurance 20

Jula Kalumpung Rubber 14/4 1/2

Lon. Mtd. & Scot. Rly. 13 1/2

Great Western Rly. 30 1/2

National Bank of India 30 1/2

S-A. Tob. (bearer) 84/4 1/2

Dunlop Rubber 31/9

Bristol Aeroplane 10

Imperial Chemical Ind. 28/6

United Steel 21/3

Woolworths 52/3

Marmat Investments 7/6

Western Holdings 9/9

Sub-Nigel 160

Shell Trans. & Trad. 35/7 1/2

(bearer) ex div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 12, 1940

DECEMBER 12, 1940		DECEMBER 12, 1940	
STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Dec. 11		Dec. 11
Adams Express	8 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	2 1/2	Loft Incorporated	19 1/2
Alis Chalmers	3 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	7 1/2	Marlin, Glen L.	3 1/2
Amer. Can.	8 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, prd.	25 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	Mt. Airy City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	14 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	45	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2	New York Central	14
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	N. American Aviation	17
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2	North American Co.	16 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15 1/2
Burns & McDonnell	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	88	Philadelphia Read. Cos.	4 1/2
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	41
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	29 1/2
Borg-Warner	20 1/2	Pullman Inc.	28 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	25 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	5
Canadian Pacific R'way	34	Reading Company, Com.	14
Case, J.I.	58 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Celanese	28 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	44	Republic Steel	22 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	77 1/2	Revere Corp.	11 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	32 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30	Safeway Stores	42 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	2 1/2	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Sears Roebuck	7 1/2
Continental Oil	37 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Continental Steel	19	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	9	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Southern Ry 5 1/2 prd.	21 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	79	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	163 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Du Pont de Nemours	102	Standard Oil of California	17 1/2
Eagle Piche Lead	34 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Easton Mfg. Co.	35 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Elec. Artifice	4	Studebaker Com.	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	58 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2	66 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2	31 1/2	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2	18 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	36 1/2
Flintkote	54 1/2	Timken-Axle	29 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	34	Trans-America Co.	42
Gen. Electric	49 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. Motors	15 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	7 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12 1/2	Union Pacific	75 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13 1/2	United Aircraft	43 1/2
Gillette Co.	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	62	United Corp.	18
Goodrich 5 1/2	62	United Corp. 5 1/2 cum pf.	7 1/2
Goodrich Tire & Co.	18 1/2	United Gas Corp.	7 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	18 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
Great Northern Ry. prd.	27 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Rubber 5 1/2 prd.	87
Hercules Powder Co.	70 1/2	U.S. Smelting	83 1/2
Homestake Mining	51	U.S. Steel	70 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Vanadium	33 1/2
Int. Paper & Power	16 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	8 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	15 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Kennecott Copper	34 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Lahey Foundry & Mac.	3 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	103 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	43 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	31	Chase National Bank	32 1/2
		National City Bank	27 1/2

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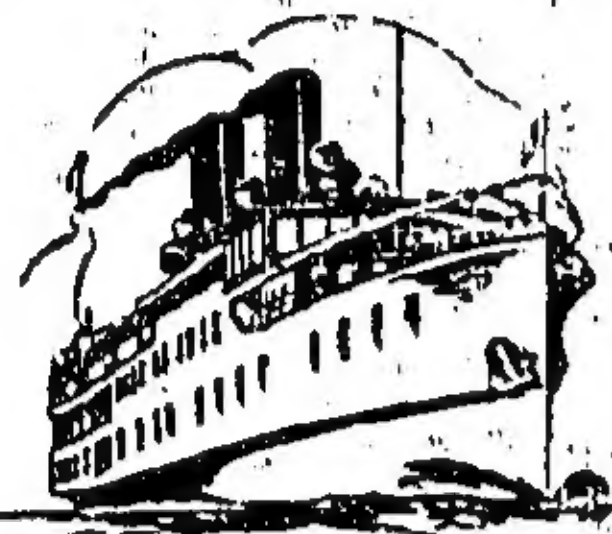
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CLAIM FOR RETURN OF HILLMAN MINX CAR

FORMER FIRST CLASS DISTRICT WATCHMAN IS DEFENDANT

Hearing was commenced before Mr. Justice Williams in the Summary Court yesterday of an action brought by CHAN SIU-YING, widow, of No. 18, Upper Station Street, against LO SANG, of No. 54, High Street, claiming the return of a Hillman Minx saloon car No. 5859, valued at \$1,000.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios and defendant by Mr. D. McCallum.

Important Decisions At Executive Yuan Meeting

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Central)—A number of important decisions and appointments were made by the Executive Yuan at its regular meeting.

At the instance of Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Yuan, an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the relief of the teaching staff and students of private universities and middle schools which have moved to Szechwan from the war zones was decided upon.

In proposing the appropriation, Dr. Kung said that relief has been provided for the faculty and students of national universities and middle schools. In view of the present high cost of living, similar relief should also be extended to those of private institutions.

PENSION FOR FAMILY

In response to a petition of the Ministry of Communications, the meeting decided to issue an order of commendation for Mr. Chien Chang-kan, chief of the Bridges Designing Department of the Ministry stationed in Kunming, who was killed in the C.N.A.C. airliner Chungking when the machine was shot down by Japanese military aircraft at Chanyi, Yunnan on October 23. Further, the meeting decided to allocate \$3,000 as a pension for his family.

Regarding appointments, the meeting named Mr. Ku Cheng-lun, newly appointed Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Government, concurrently Peace Preservation Commander of the province to replace General Chu Shao-liang, the incumbent, who was relieved of his post.

Other appointments included the following: Messrs. Sze Lieh and Chu Wei-tung, Director and Vice-Director of the Chekiang Food Control Bureau respectively; Messrs. Huang Sui and Chen Chitu, Director and Vice-Director of the Szechwan Food Control Bureau respectively; and Mr. Liu Sul-chang, chief of the Civil Affairs Department of the Ministry of Interior.

FIRST CANNON VICTORY

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—News of the first victory for British fighters equipped with a cannon was released today.

A 21-year old R. A. F. pilot told how he beat off the attack of two Messerschmitt fighters in a recent battle, missed one with his cannon, hit the second with a few rounds.

The Messerschmitt exploded "in front of me like a bursting anti-aircraft shell. It was the most amazing sight I have ever seen," he said.

Armed Attack In British Waters

Another armed robbery in British waters was revealed when So Po-fat, 31, master of a trading junk, reported the capture of his craft with a cargo on board by pirates at Fu Tau Mun.

So left Ping Hoi for Hongkong on the night of Dec. 12, with a cargo consisting of 37 piculs of turpentine and four sucking pigs to the total value of \$93. After he had reached Fu Tau Mun at 7 a.m. the next day, a robber junk with seven men on board, armed with three rifles and two revolvers, approached his junk from the north.

Several shots were fired by the pirates with the result that the junk was overtaken.

Both junk and cargo were then towed away, while So and his crew were put ashore at Bluff Island, where they remained for

In evidence, plaintiff stated that she lived with defendant at No. 54, High Street, as his companion, until November this year. In April, she bought for \$1,300 a saavy Ford Saloon (No. 3395) for which she paid a deposit of \$200 and \$500 on the car being handed over to her. She also paid five monthly instalments of \$70 toward the agreed purchase price.

The car's licence and insurance were made out in her name, and though she was living with defendant and he drove the car it had not been bought under any agreement with him whereby he could claim possession of it. She negotiated for the purchase of the vehicle and paid all the money herself, defendant having no part whatever in this.

CHANGED CAR

In October, she changed the car for a Hillman Minx saloon when she paid \$130 in addition to giving up the Baby Ford. She purchased the car for her own use.

On Nov. 3 she left defendant as he failed to return to her \$500 she advanced him toward the purchase of another Ford car and failed to make the purchase and because she suspected he was keeping another woman.

Defendant, in the witness-box, refuted plaintiff's evidence. He stated he was a District Watchman for 5½ years and resigned on Nov. 1, while holding the rank of First Class District Watchman, in order to become a broker.

PAID HIMSELF

He became acquainted with plaintiff some three years ago and she had been living with him for more than a year at the High St. address. He purchased the Baby Ford saloon in April and paid for it himself. The negotiations in respect of the purchase were conducted by a man named Lau Leung. The money to purchase the car was obtained from his aunt. Plaintiff wanted the car registered in her name because she did not trust him and wanted the car for herself. She was suspicious of him when he stayed out nights. He negotiated the exchange for the Hillman Minx, himself and paid over \$130 at the Sun Chung Restaurant in October.

Further hearing was adjourned to Dec. 23, at 9.15 a.m.

SPRATLEY ISLAND REPORTS

MUCH SCEPTICISM IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—Reports from Indo-China that Japan is concentrating forces in Spratley Island, between Indo-China and Borneo, for the possible purpose of blockading Singapore is being received with considerable scepticism here.

It is believed that Japan is hardly likely to do anything in the near future likely to bring her into open armed conflict with Britain, especially in view of the present misfortune of Axis arms and the lack of any protective non-aggression arrangement with Russia.

Additionally, it is believed that the new British credit to China and the new American restriction on metal exports to Japan, plus the renewed concentration of American naval strength at Hawaii, is more likely to act as a brake on Japanese adventuring than motivation for more.

Many observers are of the opinion that the new British credit recognised the wars of Europe and Asia as fundamentally one and for all practical purposes make China an ally of Britain in contesting the Nazi objective of world domination.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club tournament played yesterday C. M. Sequeira beat K. Weiss, D. E. de Carvalho beat B. D. Evans and V. Lee beat A. Y. Birlikoff.

Two hours until No. 1 Police crew were put ashore at Bluff Island, where they remained for

Compulsory Service Tribunal

THREE ASSIGNED TO COMBATANT GROUP

Of 16 British subjects who appeared before the Compulsory Service Tribunal yesterday, three were assigned to the Combatant Group, six to the General Group for Essential Services, two to the Key-Post Group and one was exempted.

The decisions regarding three others were postponed, while another, being a Government servant (an employee in the Immigration Office) was referred back to the Government for assignment.

The Tribunal comprised of Mr. Justice Williams (President), Lt. Comdr. L. L. Tollemache, R.N., Major R. E. Moody, Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. C. Baker, M.C., and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Secretary).

ONLY A VISITOR

Mr. K. E. Mogra was exempted on the ground that he was only a visitor to Hongkong. He stated, in a letter to the Tribunal, that he made frequent visits to Hongkong in the course of his business, and present stay here would only last until news have been received regarding some goods in Indo-China. The assignment of Mr. C. R. Smirke was left to Government as he is employed in the Immigration Office.

Messrs. H. D. Bruce, A. R. Kihross and C. W. Whiting were assigned to the Combatant Group.

Messrs. R. Anderson, B. E. Fielder, H. A. Hyndman, A. J. Savitsky, C. T. Tod and O. P. Vagnone were assigned to the General Group for Essential Services, and Messrs. R. S. T. Pigott and J. W. Stewart to the Key-Post Group. Decisions regarding Messrs. R. J. Barnes, R. B. Levkovich, and J. W. McDonald were deferred.

C.P. ROAD BUS FATALITIES

One more victim was claimed in the collision between a motor bus and a United Delivery lorry at the 12-mile post at Castle Peak Road on Tuesday night, the total fatalities being three. The bus driver has been detained and granted \$500 bail.

GARRISON BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament are down for decision today—C. M. Police v. Fortress R.E.; R.A.S.C. v. R.A.M.C.; 5th A.A. v. R.A.O.C.

HOME NURSING LECTURES

A new series of Home Nursing Lectures will commence at Queen Mary Hospital at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6. Will applicants please send in their names to the Hon. Sec. Queen Mary Hospital, as early as possible.

HOSPITAL TRAINING

The undermentioned members have now completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificate—

Oiga Archangelosky, Mary Bruce, Ethel Byrne, Chue Tsan Hung, Diana Dodwell, Grace Darby, Margery Fortescue, Julia Folker, Nina Goldenberg, Millicent Joffe, Sister Marie de Sacrement, Sister Marie de Victoire, Sally Molr, Kathleen Molr, Elizabeth Rodgers, Eileen Redmond, Sister St. Stanislas, Margaret Taylor, Katherine Upsekensky, Crista Womack.

The Hon. Sec. would be glad to receive the names of all members who are willing to volunteer to assist in Clinics, Out-patient Departments, etc., should extra assistance be required at any time.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 72 and the minimum 57 compared with 75 and 66 on Wednesday.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 against an average of 84.56. The Royal Observatory report states—

The anticyclone over China is moving eastward towards Japan, and pressure is relatively low over the Southern China Sea. The typhoon probably continues to move westward to the north of Yap.

In a University Inter-Faculty Basketball League game played in the Eu Tong-tsen Gymnasium yesterday evening, Medicals beat Engineering by 22-20.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st and 4th December	14th Dec.
Swatow	14th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 22nd November)	15th Dec.
Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore	16th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 19th November)	16th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 27th November)	16th Dec.
Canton	17th Dec.
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Calcutta and Straits	21st Dec.
Sandakan	23rd Dec.
Australia and Manila	24th Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December)	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	26th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	29th Dec.
Sandakan	31st Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.

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For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	
Rangoon	Fri. 13th Reg. 8.30 AM K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
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SATURDAY	
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MONDAY	
Haiphong	Mon. 16th 3.30 AM
TUESDAY	
	Tue. 17th K.P.O. Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	
WEDNESDAY	
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	Wed. 18th 8.30 AM
THURSDAY	
Canton	Thu. 19th 7.15 AM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco"	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 1.50 PM 1.50 PM
FRIDAY	
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Fri. 20th K.P.O. Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Straits	Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
SATURDAY	
	Sat. 21st 8.30 AM
MONDAY	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and "United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C." (Parcels for Canada only)	Mon. 23rd G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 2.15 PM Ord. 2.30 PM 2.30 PM
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Straits and Calcutta	
WEDNESDAY	
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	Wed. 25th 8.30 AM
THURSDAY	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco" (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom)	Thu. 26th K.P.O. Parcels 10.00 AM Reg. 11.15 AM Ord. Noon
	G.P.O. Parcels 10.00 AM Reg. 11.15 AM Ord. Noon

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